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Could Half Load Season Become a Thing of the Past?

By Liz Danielsen

"Imagine walking through deep snow and then putting on snowshoes. It's the same thing."

The first day of March marked the beginning of half load season on county roads, and the start of reduced revenue for loggers trying very hard to carve a living out of a business that is becoming more and more regulated over time. While little can be done right now other than working together during the next two and a half months of half loads, Doug Ray says that as early as next year, new technology could make things a bit easier for the industry and for county roads.

Ray, who is the Director of Public Works for Haliburton County, advised the Roads Committee last month that he had received a request from the Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve to evaluate load restrictions on County Road 7. Ray spoke of a system of softening tires that is under investigation by the Ministry of Transportation which could be the answer in the future.

Ray planned to follow up with Haliburton Forest in the hopes of having them do some measurements and work in cooperation with MTO (using their scales) to test the weight of their loads and discuss the kind of traffic expected this season. "It became a bit of an issue in 2009," he said.

But Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said that the onus was on the owner of Haliburton Forest (Peter Schleifenbaum). "He is the one that wants to go against the by-law."

Ray confirmed that the County is putting up new signs, and would keep them covered unless the roads became too soft. Then the signs would be uncovered and half loads would be in effect.

"We're trying to determine exactly what constitutes a half load and we need scales to do that, so it would put our minds at ease to get MTO involved," said Ray. He was quick to add that most of the loggers are prepared to check on the roads and work in cooperation with the county, but there can be some confusion.

Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon was concerned that by relaxing the rules for one company, it would open the doors for others, creating a very difficult situation to enforce.

Ray agreed, saying, "We have no one in place to enforce half loads and no plans to do that as yet. We'll have to draw a hard line. If a business is hurting we'll have to work with them and even suggest that they rent scales for a period of time to facilitate their being on the roads. Otherwise we could coordinate something with MTO."

McMahon commented that before the half load season got started he had companies asking when half loads would be lifted. "It's been a long winter and they're anxious to get to work, but if we lift the restriction too soon, we won't have the money to fix the roads."

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Dysart Council Accept First 2010 Draft Budget

By Liz Danielsen

"This is virtually a stand pat budget given the current economy." (Reeve Murray Fearrey)

This week the Dysart et al Council sat down for their first serious review of the municipality's draft 2010 budget. On first blush it appears that once a few small pieces of the financial pie are added, Council will likely adopt a two percent increase on the municipal levy.

CAO Tammy McKelvey advised Council that the budget being presented represented the total 2009 levy, plus \$45,350 in growth related taxes and a two percent increase representing an additional \$90,725. Despite an anticipated surplus of approximately \$200,000 for the 2009 year end, the 2010 budget projected a revenue shortfall of \$55,855 which will come out of reserves.

Despite efforts by staff to offer a tight and comprehensive document, it is still difficult at this point to determine exactly what the full impact will be on Dysart residents, as to date neither the County nor provincial tax rates are known. McKelvey reported that the County is anticipating a substantial increase given the tremendous reduction in provincial grants, which is bound to create a ripple effect.

As the department with the largest impact, Roads Superintendent Brian Nicholson was up first with a budget that reflected a 5.57 percent increase over last year. Nicholson identified roads that are in the worst condition and greatest need of repair which included 4.5 kilometres at the

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Lake Association Takes on Hangar Development

"We're hoping they'll think a bit harder about their operations. (MBC's Andy Muirhead)"

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Triggered by a report on the 2010 draft Algonquin Highlands budget in the County Voice in January, the Maple Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners Association has offered some constructive criticism for the Council's consideration before it moves forward and adopts its budget.

Early last week, MBC sent a memo to Council applauding efforts to increase revenue streams at the airport, but detailing a number of concerns and asking Council to carefully

consider the matter of hangar development before incurring further costs.

During budget discussions in January Airport Manager John Packer asked Council to consider developing a new row of aircraft hangars. With the airport expansion project on the horizon, no new hangars have been developed over the last two years, but Packer advised Council that he had three people asking for hangars. Under the existing program the applicant puts up an initial \$10,000 and the remaining cost of the hangars is recovered through lease fees over time. According to Packer, should the expansion project go through, people would be able purchase or lease airport property for hangars.

MBC's Andy Muirhead says, "The municipality's approach to developing hangar space is unnecessarily expensive and a risky venture at best."

While aware that the Council may have found Packer's request to be a bit premature, Muirhead told the Voice that when executive members of MBC heard there was a request for funds to develop hangars, several questions immediately came to mind.

Muirhead, who is MBC's Vice President and Research Director, said, "First, if the hangars are such good things that will generate revenue and they have been part of the airport expansion plan for a number of years, why isn't the money coming from Building Canada rather than the taxpayers?"

"The second question is quite simply whether this is an effective way of achieving a revenue stream and whether it is the norm for airports across Canada," he said. Muirhead says it is far from the normal process used by airport authorities across the country.

Muirhead recently contacted a number of airport authorities

including Muskoka, Lindsay, Bancroft, Kapuskasing and even Trail, B.C. "They all said the same thing. Building hangars is certainly not something that they do, nor have they done so for a very long time."

In the memo to Council Muirhead wrote, "Our research has found that no similar airport across Canada utilizes public funds or capital reserves for the construction of hangars for private lease. Airports generally make land available for construction of private hangars entirely at the expense of the aircraft owner. Ownership costs (repairs, maintenance, insurance, etc.) should only be assumed by the user."

According to Muirhead, the most recent construction of hangars by a municipality was in Trail where funding was received as part of a turnover of responsibility of the airport from industry to the municipality. "In that case, there was also an injection of federal funding, similar to that received by Stanhope when they assumed responsibility for our airport."

Muirhead likens the municipality's present process to granting interest free loans to construct infrastructure for the applicant's exclusive use and he maintains that nearly equal net revenues can be achieved with no cash input from the taxpayer. Acknowledging that the public has little access to the actual details, Muirhead also suggests that revenue projections made by the municipality appear to ignore ongoing insurance, maintenance and other costs that will have the overall effect of reducing net revenues, if in fact there is any net revenue from such an investment for the first few years.

The MBC executive maintains that there is no real benefit or service to the public at large by using tax revenues on the construction of hangars when they could more appropriately be used for more generally beneficial works or services.

During their budget discussions Packer suggested that this method of development would change once the new runway was in place. To this suggestion, Muirhead says that estimated costs and locations for this kind of development were included in the municipality's 'Business Vision' document from 2006 and could proceed at any time without interfering with plans in place for a new runway.

He said, "I don't quite understand. If individuals who want hangars are willing to build their own later on, why not now?" As an example, Muirhead said that Muskoka sells lots for hangars and other developments at the airport, but only to commercial or aviation related business. Otherwise lease arrangements are made for hangar construction at the cost of the individual making the request.

Taking another tack in his memo to Council, Muirhead also addresses the matter of transparency and accountability when it comes to the airport. "This operation hasn't been subject to the same sort of controls and oversight that one would expect from a major municipal cost centre," he said, adding that pre-budget expenditures and those outside the budget have been common. He cited delayed paving of private taxiways and the acquisition of marker cones as examples.

"Costs like snow removal and other services provided by township departments aren't shown in airport financials and reports to Council provide less information on activities and costs than reports from other municipal departments."

"It is easy to track the number of hours worked at the airport, but in 15 years of statements I have been unable to

find detailed airport financial information," he said. "The airport seems to be treated as a separate entity without the level of detail that other departments are required to provide."

Muirhead recognized that the airport may never make a profit, but said it was MBC's position that it should be run as efficiently as possible. When asked why he was hammering away at this now he said, "Without looking at things in more detail, they can't begin to determine the actual impact once (if) the airport is expanded. They don't know what they're doing now, so how will they deal with the operation when it becomes much larger?"

MBC has long opposed the expansion of the existing airport with the development of another 'crosswind' runway, but Muirhead readily agreed that the present facility should be maintained and even improved should the municipality be able to leverage some of the available funding in that direction in the event that the expansion doesn't take place.

"We have suggested several times that we would fully support using the funds for an upgrade, particularly for the terminal building. Whether the new runway goes ahead or not, they're dealing with an older terminal building that offers few amenities to anyone."

"At some time that will become an issue," he said. "There is a plan to improve existing facilities and its unfortunate that those plans were not included in the municipality's request for funding."

Muirhead said it had been more than a little unsettling to his association to see Algonquin Highlands come up with a huge expansion plan, but when it came to funding, anything that would actually reduce costs, improve service or generate revenue was left out.

"They have taken a laissez-faire approach to the entire airport operation," Muirhead said.

"Our overall goal is to try to point out to Council and the public the double standard that the municipality seems to apply to different aspects of their operation. They ask for details and revenue streams for community centres prior to spending money on renovations, but when something comes up for the airport and funds are asked for to do work that should have been done a number of years ago, there doesn't seem to be a problem," he said.

"We simply want to ensure that a request to build new hangars is getting the sort of scrutiny that we feel is normal and necessary. They're going to continue to operate an airport, and it is our suggestion that they run it sensibly, tracking and reporting all costs in more detail than presently available."

Muirhead, who could very well have done more research as an individual on the airport's operations, the expansion proposal and the associated environmental assessment process than anyone, said that rather than remaining in opposition, it would be MBC's preference to share information and work with the municipality.

Meanwhile he said, "They continue to hold closed sessions about airport property issues while we simply hope that they will think a bit harder about their operations before proceeding." ■



NOTICE

The fourteenth Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) will be held on Thursday, June 24, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in Minden (location to be announced).

2010/11 Membership in the HHHS Corporation is available to any individual who has been a resident* of, or who has been employed or carried on a business in, the County of Haliburton or, in the Townships formerly known as Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of Victoria County; or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the payment of an annual membership fee of ten dollars (\$10).

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Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board by submitting in writing a nomination, which must be received by the Secretary of the Board at least 30 days before the day of the Annual General Meeting.

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1st Place Winner with 3.6 lb Lake Trout Chase Proctor wins \$500 cash prize

THURSDAY

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▲ 0° ▼ -8°

FRIDAY

Mostly sunny and pleasant

▲ 1° ▼ -7°

SATURDAY

Continued sunny and pleasant

▲ 2° ▼ -5°

SUNDAY

Cloudy with chance of morning snow showers

▲ 2° ▼ -4°

MONDAY

Cloudy with a chance of showers

▲ 4° ▼ 1°

TUESDAY

Chance of morning showers, then colder

▲ 2° ▼ -7°

WEDNESDAY

Colder with flurries

▲ 0° ▼ -10°

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Acapulco	32/21/su	32/22/su	31/26/cl	Montego Bay	28/21/su	27/21/su
Antigua	31/22/su	30/21/pc	31/26/su	Nassau	21/15/su	21/14/su
Barbados	32/27/su	32/26/pc	31/27/ra	Port au Prince	31/21/ts	29/21/ts
Bermuda	18/14/sh	19/14/sh	31/26/sh	Puerto Vallarta	31/21/su	31/21/pc
Cancun	24/14/su	24/15/pc	32/26/pc	St Thomas	29/25/pc	29/24/ts
Curacao	32/26/sh	31/26/ts	31/24/ts	St. Maarten	29/26/su	29/24/pc
Freeport	19/12/su	19/11/su	33/28/su	San Jose, CR	29/21/ts	29/20/sh
Georgetown	29/24/ts	30/24/ts	31/23/ts	San Juan	32/22/pc	31/21/ts
Havana	22/9/su	21/9/su	34/24/su	San Salvador	34/20/pc	34/21/pc
Key West	19/12/su	21/13/su	18/14/pc	Santo Domingo	31/22/ts	29/20/ts
Kingston	28/23/pc	28/22/su	33/32/su	Trinidad	33/24/su	32/24/pc

REGIONAL CITIES						
City	Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	Hi/Lo/Otk	Hi/Lo/Otk	Hi/Lo/Otk	Hi/Lo/Otk	Hi/Lo/Otk	Hi/Lo/Otk
Bancroft	0/-8/pc	1/-7/su	2/-5/pc	2/-4/cl	4/1/sh	2/-7/sh
Barrie	1/-7/pc	2/-7/su	2/-5/pc	2/-4/cl	5/1/sh	3/-7/sh
Dorset	0/-8/pc	1/-7/su	2/-6/pc	2/-4/cl	4/1/sh	2/-7/sh
Haliburton	0/-8/pc	1/-7/su	2/-5/pc	2/-4/cl	4/1/sh	2/-7/sh
Huntsville	0/-8/pc	1/-7/su	2/-6/pc	2/-4/cl	4/1/sh	2/-7/sh
Kingston	2/-7/pc	2/-6/su	3/-4/pc	3/-3/cl	7/2/sh	4/-6/sh
Lindsay	1/-7/pc	2/-7/su	2/-4/pc	2/-4/cl	6/1/sh	3/-7/sh
Minden	0/-8/pc	1/-7/su	2/-5/pc	2/-4/cl	4/1/sh	2/-7/sh
Oshawa	2/-6/pc	3/-6/su	3/-2/pc	3/-2/cl	7/2/sh	4/-6/sh
Ottawa	2/-9/pc	2/-7/su	2/-6/su	2/-5/cl	4/0/cl	3/-7/sh
Toronto	2/-6/pc	3/-6/su	4/-4/pc	3/-2/cl	7/2/sh	4/-6/sh

NATIONAL CITIES						
City	Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	Hi/Lo/Otk	Hi/Lo/Otk	Hi/Lo/Otk	Hi/Lo/Otk	Hi/Lo/Otk	Hi/Lo/Otk
Calgary	7/-3/cl	7/8/cl	7/-2/cl	4/-6/cl	4/-6/pc	3/-7/cl
Edmonton	6/-4/su	5/-4/cl	0/-11/cl	-1/-12/sn	-2/-13/cl	-6/-17/sn
Fredericton	-1/-6/sf	0/-9/su	1/-7/sn	-1/-7/pc	1/-4/pc	3/-3/pc
Halifax	2/-3/sn	2/-5/sf	3/-3/mx	3/-3/pc	4/-2/pc	4/-2/pc
Montreal	1/-8/pc	1/-8/su	2/-8/su	1/-6/cl	3/-2/cl	3/-7/sh
Regina	3/-7/pc	0/-11/pc	0/-9/cl	0/-9/cl	0/-10/pc	1/-9/cl
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Saskatoon	2/-8/pc	-2/-11/pc	1/-10/cl	-1/-9/sn	-1/-11/pc	-3/-13/cl
Vancouver	10/3/pc	11/4/sh	11/6/pc	11/6/sh	10/4/sh	11/6/sh
Whitehorse	-3/-10/cl	-5/-12/sf	-12/-19/sn	-12/-21/sn	-13/-21/cl	-15/-23/pc
Winnipeg	1/-12/su	1/-11/pc	-2/-12/sn	-2/-11/cl	-2/-13/sn	-7/-17/sn

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Sunday 2/28	2°C	-1°C	1.2 mm
Saturday 2/27	4°C	0°C	2.5 mm
Friday 2/26	3°C	-7°C	7.4 mm
Thursday 2/25	-4°C	-9°C	6.7 mm
Wednesday 2/24	-1°C	-4°C	2.3 mm
Tuesday 2/23	0°C	-4°C	5.2 mm

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Fri.	6:45 a.m./6:07 p.m.	none/8:51 a.m.
Sat.	6:43 a.m./6:08 p.m.	12:48 a.m./9:32 a.m.
Sun.	6:41 a.m./6:09 p.m.	1:50 a.m./10:19 a.m.
Mon.	6:40 a.m./6:11 p.m.	2:44 a.m./11:14 a.m.
Tues.	6:38 a.m./6:12 p.m.	3:28 a.m./12:13 p.m.
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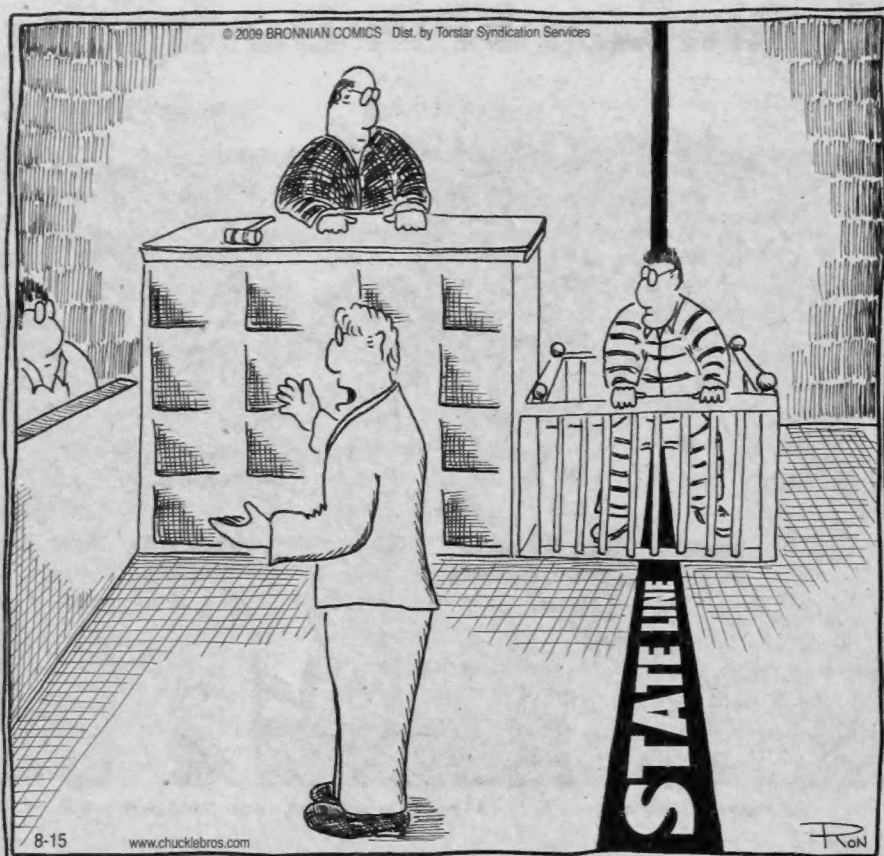
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"The YWCA staff could not continue to do the work that we do ... without the continued support of this great community."

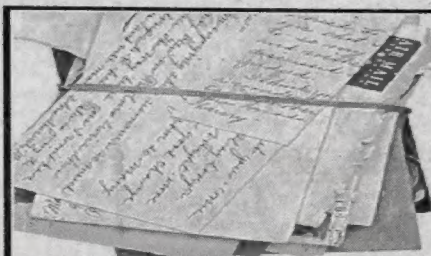
Thank you so much for helping to promote our YWCA Banish Your February Blues Event on February 13. We had 96 people attend – more than we anticipated – and we were able to raise necessary funds to support the YWCA presence in Haliburton County.

The YWCA staff could not continue to do the work that we do, supporting and sheltering the victims of abuse and violence in Haliburton County, without the continued support of this great community.

Please also pass on special thanks to Mark Arike for promoting and for covering our event. His great stories and photos helped our attendance numbers, and also helped raise awareness about the YWCA presence in Haliburton County.

Because of the generosity of organizations like The County Voice, we were able to raise funds to support our many YWCA programs and services in Haliburton County, so thank you again for your generous support of this very successful event.

Sincerely,
Laura Redman
YWCA Volunteer & Event Developer ■



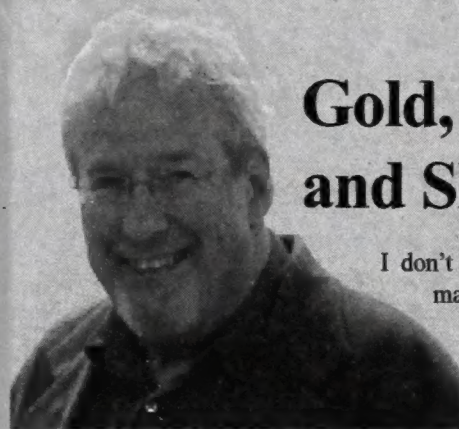
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Editorial VIEWPOINT

By Stephen Patrick



Gold, Blood Pressure, and Shades of '72

I don't know about you, but I'm not sure how many more international hockey games like last Sunday's unbelievably tense blast in Vancouver this old fan can take before the medics are called in – and maybe the boys in the white coats as well. Why is it that these games are almost always so

close, so tight, with the outcome a matter of nano seconds and extreme heroics? Why can't we have nice, comfortable blowouts like the schmooze against the Russians last Wednesday (and you knew that our boys would find a way to stretch out the tension two days later against the Slovaks – one goal down with a few seconds to go? Why? Just to torture us more?)

I, like tens of thousands of other Canadians, knew deep in my hockey bones that a 2-1 lead midway through the third period on Sunday wouldn't be enough, that a third goal would be essential to avoid overtime. And sure enough, the tie happened. Granted, we got the gold in the end, due in no small part to Jerome Iginla's other-worldly hearing: Iginla couldn't even see Sidney Crosby when he heard the high-pitched cry of Crosby's super-urgent "Iggy, Iggy" and sent the puck unerringly onto the Kid's stick, who, genius that he is, instantly with one snap of his wrists beat the depressingly brilliant Ryan Miller and sent the country into a complete screaming fit.

But it was always thus. In the 1972 "Summit Series" with the Soviet Union, with the exception of the second game at Maple Leaf Gardens, Canada seemed always to be behind. After five games we were won one, tied one, lost three, meaning we had to win all three remaining games, in Moscow, to win. And we fell behind in each game. One of my enduring memories is of a CBC public affairs show that filmed classrooms, taverns, politicians, and old hockey players as the final game played out. Suddenly there was Dief (Prime Minister John George Diefenbaker to you) sitting in his motel room in Prince Albert with Olive and some of his cronies, muttering early in the third period, "always behind, why are we always behind."

In that series it took Henderson's miracle goal to win it: in 1987 the final breathtaking rush and pass from Wayne Gretzky to Mario Lemieux for the winning goal will remain forever in millions of Canadians memories. And now we have another moment for another generation, seared into the public consciousness, which is to the good of us all.

It may be too that the Olympic hockey tournament signalled another important change in the history of this game, much in the way that the Montreal Canadiens' beautifully skilled destruction in four games straight of the then Stanley Cup Champion Philadelphia Flyers bully boys in the 1977 final put an end to roller derby hockey, at least for a few decades. In Vancouver the Americans played a sweet, fast game using a great core of very young and passionate pros. For our part, the play of the kids, Sid of course, but also Jonathan Toews, Drew Doughty, and even a still-young Rick Nash and Eric Staal, Shea Weber and Brent Seabrook proved that our skill level is, if anything, going up as the years and the generations move on. The Americans' willingness to accept our brand of hockey with its unique combination of blinding skill and defensive toughness, combined with what must be a re-evaluation by the Russians of their entire international hockey program will surely mean even more exciting and epic confrontations to come. And surely there can't be an NHL General Manager that doesn't get the message that skill and determination makes for success.

Maybe, even sometime soon, the few remaining goons – sorry, role players – will become as irrelevant in the game as the celebrated fisticuff champ of the 1970s, the irrepressible Dave (The Hammer) Schultz became after the Canadiens' famous 1977 victory (the first of four Cups in a row.) In the meantime, give your heart, arteries and liver a breather: 2014 is only four short years away. ■

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More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

"In my opinion the Reeve and Council should be doing everything in their power to support the market and stop throwing roadblocks in the way."

As a vendor who supported the Haliburton farmers market by renting non food producer booth space, I have a few things to say and a few questions to ask Reeve Fearrey.

First, I for one did not even recover my booth rental fees during the entire period that the market was open. I participated in the market to support the efforts of the group.

I can say that most, if not all, of the non produce vendors are in the same boat. I believe that every artisan booth was from the County of Haliburton and I can assure the Reeve that my pieces DO NOT compete with any store or business in the town.

My questions are these, exactly how many concerns did Reeve Fearrey get and from who? Another question I have is, will this fee be charged to EVERY vendor at the Art in the Park show this summer, well over 100 of which are from out of town?

In my opinion the Reeve and Council should be doing everything in their power to support the market and stop throwing roadblocks in the way.

These are my own questions and comments and have nothing to do with the farmers' market board position. I for one will not be doing the Haliburton Farmers Market for a second year, although I would have had this fee issue not come up.

Robin Simpson

Tory Hill ■

Dear Editor:

"Less than half the plastic bottles, made from hydrocarbons, are recycled."

It has been less than two decades since bottled water moved out of its specialty niche to become the largest profit centre for the industry with sales outstripping those of soft drinks. On March 11 Environment Haliburton! is joining with other groups to ask that we all take a close look at the industry and consider avoiding bottled water when tap water is available.

The industry does have impacts. Twenty five percent of bottled water comes from our taps. Bottled water taken from aquifers and groundwater has the potential of disrupting local water supply. Tap water is constantly monitored. Bottled water facilities may be inspected every three to five years. Since 2000 there have been 49 recalls of bottled water, only 5 of which have been made public. The plastic in the bottles may leach toxics into the water and into our bodies. Less than half the plastic bottles, made from hydrocarbons, are recycled. Bottled water companies pay next to nothing for our water resource and extract good profits from the sale of our resource.

Water has been a common good, available at low cost to all. With bottled water, water is becoming a commodity, available to those who can afford it. Is this the future we wish the future generations to inherit? For more information visit www.bottledwaterfreeday.ca and www.polarisinstitute.org

And don't forget Earth Hour, March 27. Turn off your lights between 8:30pm to 9:30pm. After the debacle at Copenhagen, let's show our representatives that we demand the changes needed to minimize greenhouse gas emissions.

Yours sincerely

Heather Ross, president, EH! ■

Dear Editor:

"My opinions and comments are based on what I read in the media, decipher from the articles, and investigation."

Seeing as Voice reporter Liz Danielson welcomes readers comments I will accommodate responses to her editorial viewpoint.

She mentioned fire hall concerns were a hot topic with previous council; however I am not aware of previous council attempting to undertake such drastic measures while they were in power. Perhaps Reeve Burton should have considered this.

With reference to one of the largest geographic areas in the County, perhaps this is why people are so concerned about loosing close proximity to fire protection by closing fire halls. The consensus is the further one is away from a fire hall the longer the response time. Due to such the thought of a major loss whether it be a building or life would cause severe distress. Perhaps this is one reality that is hard to ignore.

TO CLEAR THE AIR, I HAVE NEVER MADE REFERENCE TO ANY PENDING LAWSUITS so don't encompass me in your editorial due to the fact you made reference to my name in some capacity.

The writers rebuttal with reference to my letter to the editor where I stated the writer favouring some members of council while chastising of others, all one has to do is have read her previous articles and now her editorial.

Least we forget our volunteer fire fighters are citizens also. Any reluctance on their part to integrate the fire halls could encompass a variety of reasons and to make any presumptions that they could be a lingering glitch in the amalgamation of the municipality in my opinion is condescending.

I have submitted "Letters to the Editor" on numerous issues and the fire hall issue is just one of them. I Echo nor are swayed by no one!! My opinions and comments are based on what I read in the media, decipher from the articles and investigation.

We must realize there are five members sitting on council with diversified opinions and outlook on issues. A united council is only as good as the Reeve as head of council. Any appearance of fragmentation, mistrust or unprofessionalism will only bring with it confrontation.

Amalgamation was thrust upon us by the Provincial Government, however a huge mistake was made by which municipalities were amalgamated in Haliburton County by previous County Council members. It is only human nature to hang onto the past and resist change. How one communicates pertaining to change will prove success or failure. Draw your own conclusions!

Beverly MacDuff
Gooderham ■

Police Reports

Impaired Charge after Collision

(Haliburton, ON.) –Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment have charged a male after responding to a report of a motor vehicle collision on Highway #35 in Minden Hills Township early Saturday morning.

An officer attended the scene and spoke to the driver of the vehicle involved. The driver was subsequently arrested and taken to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

Carson Metcalfe 20 years of Dysart et al has been charged with Impaired Driving and Driving Over 80mgs. Mr. Metcalfe will be appearing in Minden court on April 7, 2010 in relation to the charges. ■

Driver Charged, Impaired

(Haliburton, ON.) –Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment have charged a male after stopping a vehicle in Gooderham this past Saturday.

An officer who was patrolling County Rd#503 near Gooderham stopped a Dodge pickup truck that was traveling eastbound on County #503. The officer had conversation with the driver who was subsequently arrested and taken to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

Lloyd MacDuff 41 years of Highlands East Township has been charged with Impaired Driving and Driving Over 80mgs. Mr. MacDuff will be appearing in Minden Court on April 7, 2010 in relation to the charges. ■

Three People Charged in Connection with Drug Investigation

(City of Kawartha Lakes, ON) – Three Lindsay, Ontario residents face numerous charges in connection with an OPP Central East Drug Unit investigation.

On Tuesday afternoon (23 February) the OPP Central East Drug Unit, the OPP Major Incident Support Team assisted by the City of Kawartha Lakes OPP conducted a traffic stop on Highway 35 which resulted in the seizure of approximately 1.5 pounds of Cocaine.

Later Tuesday afternoon, a Controlled Drugs and Substances Act search warrant was executed by the OPP Central East Drug Unit at a Kawartha Drive residence in the Town of Lindsay. During the search, officers located a sawed off shotgun, a number of replica firearms, and several prohibited weapons. Also seized was a quantity of cocaine, heroin, LSD, psilocybin, marihuana, cannabis resin, ecstasy, prescription medication, and cash.

The estimated street value of the seized drugs is approximately \$70,000.

As a result of the investigation the following people were arrested and charged:

Gregory KEENAN, age 32 - three counts of possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking, twelve counts of possession of a controlled substance, two counts of possession of a prohibited weapon and possession of a loaded prohibited firearm.

Stephen KELMAN, age 27 - possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking, possession of controlled substance and possession of a loaded prohibited firearm.

Joanne EDWARDS, age 32 - possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking, possession of a controlled substance and possession of a loaded prohibited firearm.

KEENAN and KELMAN were held in custody and will appear in court today in Lindsay, Ontario. EDWARDS was released from custody and will appear in court April 8th, 2010 in Lindsay, Ontario. ■

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Dysart Council Accept First 2010 Draft Budget

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north end of Kennis Road from the end of County Road 7 to Watts Road at an estimated cost of \$208,000. In addition 5.8 kilometres at both the north and south ends of Watts Road have been included in the budget at a cost of approximately \$357,000. Nicholson noted that construction costs had been reduced on the Watts Road project by \$80,000 in an effort to reduce the gap between the 2009 and 2010 budgets and wasn't shy to say that an increase to his budget could be well used for repairs on Tattersol and Sunnyside Roads as areas identified for 2010 in the roads needs study.

Slurry seal work totalling \$151,500 is planned for the Old Donald Road, Burkes Road, Parish Line, Redkenn Drive, Dudley Road and Trappers Trail. Nicholson said that to further reduce the financial burden he had dropped some of the smaller less travelled roads from this year's work.

Capital expenditures for his department totalling just over \$270,500 include pre-approved purchases of a one ton truck with plow and sander and a snow blower as well a spray patcher, water tank and pump.

Reeve Murray Fearrey commented that the increase in Nicholson's budget was reasonable given the increased cost of wages and benefits. He noted that there will likely be little assistance from either the federal or provincial government this year, but said if there is, the municipality would be ready. Nicholson was given authorization to proceed with tender preparations.

"During a discussion on parks, Fearrey suggested considering using dogs for goose control as it has proven a successful deterrent in Minden. Council also agreed to consider the best approach to addressing drainage concerns in Head Lake Park."

When tackling the sewer budget, Fearrey said, "This is our biggest problem. We have a system that is over 35 years old. The expansion, now almost 20 years old went ahead on the premise of development that didn't happen and we have an aging facility that needs more maintenance with little revenue at the other end to offset the costs."

Fearrey said that better cooperative relationships would have to be established if more housing projects are to proceed or the cost of sewers will become prohibitive.

While a public meeting will be required before they become official, Council agreed to a \$25 increase to the present user fees in order to increase revenues and reduce the existing shortfall. McKelvey cautioned that even with the increase there would still

be a shortfall in the sewage budget.

During discussions on general government costs, McKelvey noted a \$60,000 loss in investment income because of the present economy, something she said is also causing ever increasing tax arrears. McKelvey also noted that the municipality would have to purchase new financial software, a server and a number of computers. She also noted increased costs for consulting services which, as well as the costs of audit and legal fees, now include a legislated health and safety audit.

McKelvey recommended an increase in rental fees for municipal facilities which Council accepted.

During a review of the waste management budget, McKelvey reported that considerable savings had been realized in waste disposal, given substantial increases in subsidies for hazardous waste, e-waste and the new tire program. These have contributed considerably to the healthy surplus from 2009.

Fearrey commented that for some time the municipality had neglected to increase fees for both the cemeteries and for planning. "Legislation requires planning to be self sustaining," he said.

McKelvey agreed that in Dysart these fees are dramatically lower than other municipalities, but said there was a process associated with any increase requiring public input that could generate challenges, particularly with the cemetery fees.

Council's discussion gave a strong indication that developers can definitely look for higher planning fees to be implemented in the near future. Council recognized the considerable saving realized by having a registered planner on staff, but discussed the existing fee structure in some detail. It was felt that they could easily justify a substantial increase in fees given the costs of advertising and staff inspections alone.

"The whole planning structure should be looked into," Fearrey said, commenting again that the municipality was falling way behind and the increased cost of reviewing development proposals should not be borne by tax payers.

During a discussion on parks, Fearrey suggested considering using dogs for goose control as it has proven a successful deterrent in Minden. Council also agreed to consider the best approach to addressing drainage concerns in Head Lake Park.

Council reviewed capital items under consideration for the arena which totalled almost \$70,000, not including the cost of a new arena mural of Matt Duchene. McKelvey noted that staff resources would be used to the greatest extent possible to reduce these costs; but at the same time she also provided a report on capital improvements that will be needed at the arena over the next few years that totalled a whopping \$680,000. McKelvey stressed that the arena is over 40 years old and an aging facility requiring a number of new components including replacing the floor and arena boards. Every effort will be made to make these improvements using whatever government funding becomes available over time.

While discussing the availability of outside funding, Council addressed the need to identify funding for both the museum and skateboard park either in readiness for grant money or in preparation for the municipality to do necessary upgrades/improvements itself. Council also looked favourably on a request from the Glebe Park Committee to develop a forest management plan for the park.

The exact costs of policing for the year are as yet unknown, but McKelvey commented that she has received information that this year the costs will likely exceed a million dollars.

The discussion then turned to municipal grants and donations, something that often generates as much discussion as the rest of the budget combined, particularly when balancing budget restrictions against requests for much needed funds by worthy groups and organizations.

The \$50,000 allocation to the Rails End Gallery was readily accepted as an ongoing commitment. Other allocations agreed to at this point include funds for Community Care, Point in Time and U-Links.

Fearrey later said, "This is virtually a stand pat budget given the current economy. Having said that, there will be certain adjustments to planning and other services that don't apply to the general tax payer but need to be brought in line with the actual costs of operation." ■

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Half Load Season Cont'd....

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"It's a huge innovation that could possibly be in place by 2011."

Fearrey suggested that companies wishing to haul full loads could be asked to post a bond for road repairs. "That might keep the weight down," he said.

Ray said that the County needed to step up the signage, particularly in the Kennis and Haliburton Lakes areas. He reported that new signs are being installed and the location of each will be GPS'd to ensure that both ends of the roads are covered.

Following the meeting, Ray said that as Haliburton Forest would like to haul full loads during half load season, they had been investigating the tire pressure control system that MTO are testing. "Basically it is a computerised system installed in the truck that will deflate the tires to lessen the tire pressure. That seems to help with the damage to the roads regardless of the type of surfacing."

According to Ray a company called FP Innovations - Feric Division has developed the technology and MTO are in the fourth and final stage of validating a framework for its commercial application. "The system transmits the information to a data base that MTO can look at and monitor."

"They're getting good results," he said. "It's a huge innovation that could possibly be in place by 2011."

Ray says the system will be self regulated and companies using it will likely have to hire consultants to conduct road condition surveys each season before and after the freeze and thaw. Ray acknowledged that there would still be half loads on the roads between March 1st and May 15th, but full loads would be allowed for trucks that have this system installed.

It sounds like a fairly expensive system to install at approximately \$30,000 for each truck, and Ray wouldn't speculate on whether or not it would be worthwhile for some companies. "It depends on how much lumber comes out of the mills here," he said. Ray said that MTO is working with several companies in northern Ontario who have suggested that the payback could be achieved within three years. "But their half load season is a bit later and shorter than ours is."

You might think that the weight and resulting impact on the road wouldn't change by reducing tire pressure, but Ray confirmed that based on pounds per square inch, with reduced pressure there would be less punching action on the road. According to Ray, reports out of MTO indicate a certain level of excitement about the level of success with the system. "Once MTO has adopted the system we'll be able to piggy back on their studies."

Ray said that once the loads coming out of Haliburton Forest are weighed, the company might find that, depending on the configuration, they aren't overloaded. "It depends on the type of wood and how dry it is, so it's hard to tell if they're overloaded. This way we could find out exactly what the loads are and go from there."

As far as requiring companies put up a bond to cover damage to the roads, Ray said, "That wouldn't be practical given the substantial amount of money necessary to cover the cost of repairs."

Ray said that despite the fact that half load season officially starts on the 1st of March, it is usually mid month before the signs go up. "Now that we have new signs we just give them a flip, and half load season is only in effect when the signs are up." Ray also said that quite often there is a cold snap in mid march and the County will work with the loggers and allow some loads to be hauled early in the morning.

When contacted, Haliburton Forest's owner Peter Schleifenbaum said, "We're not the only ones affected. There are a lot of half load roads in northern Ontario and it puts us all at a real disadvantage when it comes to trucking and trucking costs. Half load season can last two full months which substantially increases operating costs."

Schleifenbaum said that the new system centrally deflates or inflates tire pressure. "If the pressure is deflated to the point that it almost looks flat, there is a lot more surface area on the road and rather than a few square inches of the tire pushing down on the road, you can quadruple the area avoiding some of the damage."

He said, "Imagine walking through deep snow and then putting on snowshoes. It's the same thing. You dramatically increase the footprint of the tire and spread the weight of the truck onto a much larger area."

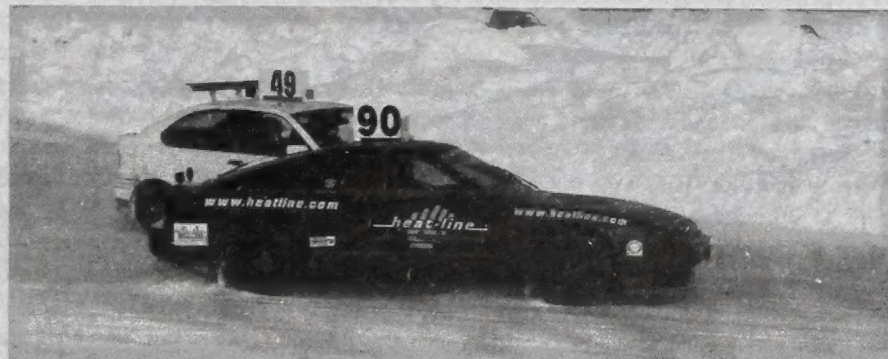
Schleifenbaum sees the new technology as something that will become common place in areas like Haliburton. When asked about the cost, he agreed that it did require a considerable investment in each truck. "But the cost is worthwhile when balanced against an extended period of running half loads where the cost could be much higher. It won't eliminate half loads, but it will give those who have concerns about trucking costs an opportunity to haul full loads while avoiding the damage that is associated with it."

Haliburton Forest contracts all of their hauling, but Schleifenbaum said he will work with his contractors to get the technology working. According to Schleifenbaum the system is already being used extensively in western Canada where they have found there are a number of other advantages including less wear on the truck tires.

"For now, we're stuck with half loads and will work within them," he said.

Schleifenbaum acknowledged that there is still some public concern about damage to the roads but said that was something for MTO to address. But he also said that combined with everyone's willingness to adhere to the rules, the new technology was something that can and will work in Haliburton. ■

Minden Kinsmen Wrap another successful Ice Racing Year.



Another year of successful ice racing has come and gone! Kinsmen Club President Tom Prentice

Photos by Gord Barter

say it was a terrific year for the sport and expects next year to be even better. The ice racing broke a record this year by having 229 entries on one weekend. At press time the total proceeds had not yet been determined, but rest assured all proceeds go back into the community. When the Kinsmen release the figures we'll be sure to report them in the Voice. ■

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Minden Hills Municipal Summary

Liz Danielsen

Staff Reporter

Waterfront Anomaly Approved

The matter of commercial developments on waterfront properties has been a high priority concern for the Minden Hills Council over the last several months and several applications have not been received favourably. But an application to rezone a shoreline residential property owned by Robert and Yael Novak to Recreational Commercial (Exception 18) was approved late last week.

Robert Novak operates a pottery workshop in a small building on his Soyer Lake property. The building is considered accessory in nature but the current Shoreline Residential zone allows for an accessory structure without the existence of a primary dwelling.

During the course of the public meeting held on February 25th to consider Novak's request, Donna Evans, a neighbour from several doors down, spoke in favour of the application. Evans told Council that she felt the pottery business would be an attribute to the community. However, Planning Administrator Elinor Kernohan advised Council that she had received a letter from another adjacent property owner who raised concern about future growth of the business having an adverse affect on the area over the long term.

Questions were raised by Council about notification of the rezoning request and Councillor Bill Obee commented that as the notices were sent out during the winter months, many of the area property owners were not in residence. However, staff confirmed that the notices were sent to permanent addresses taken from the assessment roll.

Novak commented that the word 'business' might be an exaggeration in the arts and crafts world, adding that he had one or two visitors a day if he was lucky.

Commercial operations within the waterfront designation are limited by the Official Plan to tourist commercial uses, marinas and waterfront contracting operations. According to consultant planner Heather Sadler, an arts and crafts establishment, while not necessarily geared to the waterfront community, is geared to tourist traffic and as such would be consistent with existing waterfront policies.

Another hitch in the application was the fact that, while the existing zoning allows for an accessory structure without a principal building, the zoning by-law does not allow commercial activity of any kind within an accessory structure. Sadler proposed a new definition for inclusion in the by-law allowing a commercial establishment that offers arts and/or crafts products for sale that are produced on site by the owner or operator

including a studio dedicated to production.

Sadler recommended rezoning the property to Recreational Commercial with an exception to recognize several deficiencies in lot size and setbacks and with little further discussion, Council concurred and passed the by-law approving the rezoning.

Twin Lakes/Gonyea Waterfront Request Resurfaces

During their Committee of the Whole meeting in early February, the Council recommended denying the applications for an Official Plan and zoning by-law amendments by the Twin Lakes Resort and Gonyea Siding that would allow the operation of a small commercial enterprise.

The Council's decision was based on recommendations from their consultant planner Heather Sadler that the business did not conform to the goals and objectives of the municipality's OP that prevent any commercial enterprise other than a marina or tourism related business from operating within 300 metres of the waterfront.

Sadler had previously recommended that Council consider relaxing some of their regulations to accommodate this and other similar requests, but Council felt it would be premature to consider amending their OP before the review scheduled for later this year.

Since that time, Toronto based planning and land lawyer Jeffrey Streisfield has offered Council further food for thought.

Streisfield refutes the recommendations offered by Sadler and the need for an official plan amendment, at the same time stating he would be content to proceed with an OPA subject to the by-law being redrafted. Streisfield, who was accompanied by Planner Rick Hunter, asked that the proposed use be approved in principal. He said, "In our view there is absolutely no impact on the area by allowing the use to continue," and reminded Council that a substantial investment and beautification of the property continues to exist.

Streisfield also reminded Council that the proposal for the business and renovations to the building were originally approved by a previous CBO with Council's full knowledge. He suggested that, contrary to Sadler's advice, there were no issues over conformity with provincial policy statements and referred Council to a section in the OP that authorizes commercial or contracting uses, particularly those that offer a service to area waterfront property owners. In a report to Council Streisfield said that the building was used for both resort recreational purposes (an arts and crafts room) and for a siding contractor's showroom; a business that requires no outside storage of goods and promotes exterior beautification.

Streisfield referred to several municipal policies, one that encourages redevelopment of existing commercial properties within the waterfront designation.

Hunter concurred with Streisfield's comments and said, "I think that through the appropriate planning mechanisms we can come up with a reasonable solution." He too asked that the by-laws either be adopted or deferred.

A number of questions and concerns were raised by Council and responded to by Hunter and Streisfield in support of the business. Finally Sadler commented that based on what she had heard she would not change her recommendation. She said, "I don't see a need for a deferral but I will assist Council if you see the need."

Council unanimously agreed to defer their decision.

Councillor Questions Support to County on Tourism Sectors

During the meeting a resolution was put forward for Council's consideration opposing the fragmenting of the Haliburton County and supporting the County Council in their petition to keep the County as a whole in the recently established Tourism Group 8 (with Kawartha Lakes, Peterborough & Northumberland) as determined by the province.

Councillor Barbara Reid commented that she felt conflicted on this vote. "We don't understand the financial implications of this decision. On the surface it doesn't look good that the province's Sorbara Report has been ignored, but it's not yet clear if the Ottawa group would be entitled to more money and whether we could benefit from this alignment."

Reid suggested that there was a bit of 'herd mentality' in the Council saying that they were unhappy. "I think it would be premature to voice our disapproval without knowing all of the implications."

Councillor Bill Obee said that he followed Reid's comments, but he didn't think the municipality or the County would get anywhere with their requests for a change. Obee added, "But I would prefer that the County be in one basket." He added that it was apparent that the Minister of Tourism was not interested in addressing the County's concerns.

Despite Reid's concerns, the Council (and Reid) finally agreed and passed the resolution supporting the County's request. ■

Frost Fest Snack Bar Raises \$2000



Dysart Councillor and Frost Fest Snack Bar organizer Janis Parker was proud to present two \$1000 cheques recently to the Dysart et al Fire Fighters and the Winterdance Dog Sled Tours/Iditerod Fund.

Shown here, Janis Parker presents cheque to Winterdance co-owner Tanya McCready. □

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Ann Piazza, Haliburton

Well I will certainly miss the coverage of it, it was a great way to spend February and get through the February blues. It was very entertaining. The hockey was a very good game; they definitely don't play like that though in the regular NHL season! The over time was hard to watch wondering how much longer we had to wait!



Bruce Sawyer, Haliburton

No I wouldn't say so, I'm not sad that they are over. I was extremely excited that Canada won the men's hockey though. It was a nail biter, I'm not sure if my heart could take it the next time! If that game didn't excite people then I don't think anything would!



Joan Meharrie, Wilberforce

I'm not a sports fanatic so I'm not sad that they are over. I did watch all of the highlights though but I wasn't glued to the television every time they were on. The hockey game was very exciting though, it was great when Crosby got the last goal.

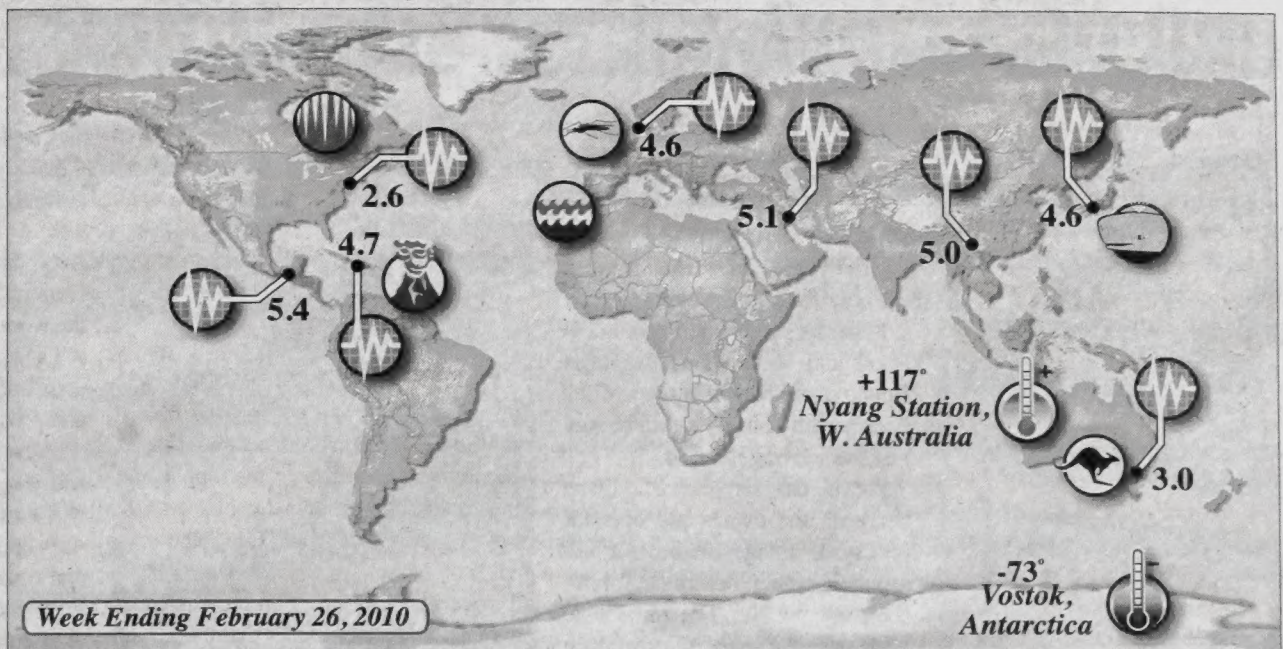


Kim Warr, Gooderham

The Olympics had such an economic impact on British Columbia so I would imagine that B.C. are suffering but not me in particular. The hockey was great, the fact that it was so close that made it so good. I could absolutely take another game like that! I'm disappointed at the moment with the NHL teams with how they are doing so it was a great game to watch.

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Whaling Return?



Limited commercial whaling could be allowed to resume for the first time in decades under a new plan being drafted by some nations that still hunt and slaughter the marine mammals despite international condemnation and restrictions. Commercial whaling was banned under a 1986 International Whaling Commission (IWC) moratorium, but Japan still attempts to kill hundreds each year under the guise of research. Iceland and Norway have also conducted limited whale hunts in opposition to the moratorium. The new proposal would set strict limits on catches in an effort to appease anti-whaling nations like Australia, New Zealand and the United States. Japan says it will end its annual research hunt in the Southern Ocean if allowed to whale commercially in Japanese coastal waters. If approved at a March ad-hoc meeting in Florida, the proposal could be voted on at the next IWC annual meeting in June.

A Melting Retreat



The permafrost around Canada's James Bay is retreating northward as the frozen ground responds to a warming climate, Canadian researchers say. Simon Thibault and Serge Payette say they found that the southern edge of permafrost moved northward about 80 miles over the past 50 years. Writing in the journal *Permafrost and Periglacial Processes*, the pair says the trend was uncovered by comparing current aerial observations with photos taken from 1957. Small, lichen-covered mounds that form naturally over frozen peat bogs have disappeared as the permanently frozen ground beneath them has thawed, Payette said. These palsas have nearly disappeared or are in an advanced state of deterioration over the entire James Bay area, the team concludes.

Roo Fluoride Poisoning



Fluoride emissions from an Australian aluminum smelter and a brick factory are causing nearby kangaroos to develop such severe and painful deformities that they must be culled. Victoria state's Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) said the fluoride pollution is being absorbed by nearby vegetation, which is being eaten by kangaroos. All but one of the nearly 50 kangaroos culled near the Alcoa smelter in Portland last year were suffering from fluorosis, which autopsies at Melbourne University show leads to excessive bone growth on joints in the paws, ankles and calves. Tooth and jaw deformities that hinder eating are also symptoms, animal pathologists say. Both polluting facilities say they are looking at ways to reduce their emissions, and plans are being made to move all kangaroos away from the most contaminated areas, the EPA said.

Island Catastrophe



A month's worth of rain falling within only eight hours brought the Portuguese Atlantic island of Madeira its worst natural disaster in living memory. At least 42 people died in deep flooding and mudslides that swept through the resort island as it was packed with European holiday tourists. Dozens more are missing and feared dead beneath tons of mud.

Earthquakes



A sharp temblor in China's Hunnan province injured about two dozen people and wrecked numerous homes, according to officials.

• Earth movements were also felt in southern Japan, southeastern Australia, western Iran, Denmark, northern New Jersey, Haiti and along the Mexico-Guatemala border.

Volcanic Pause



Some residents of the Caribbean island of Montserrat who were forced to evacuate in December due to mounting activity within the Soufriere Hills Volcano have finally been able to return home. People with homes and businesses along the west coast had been able to return only during daylight hours over concerns that ash and superheated clouds of debris could spew from the mountain at any time. But the Montserrat Volcano Observatory says that a partial dome collapse on Feb. 11 significantly reduced the hazard, making round-the-clock access to the communities safe. But many long-evacuated parts of the island remain off limits.

Bred Not to Fly



Scientists from the U.S. and Britain are genetically altering mosquitoes so they cannot fly in a groundbreaking effort to combat the insect's ability to spread dengue fever. Since there is no vaccine or effective treatment for dengue, the researchers say introducing a gene that breeds flightless *Aedes aegypti* females is the most effective way to combat the disease. Writing in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, Anthony James of the University of California, Irvine, says when the genetically modified male mosquitoes mate, they create female offspring that inherit a gene that limits wing growth, eliminating their ability to fly. As the flightless females eventually die, the surviving male offspring would continue to breed more lame females through future generations. The researchers say the technique is safe and an efficient alternative to using harmful insecticides.

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Graphic Designer Lets Imagination Guide Her Linda Middleton's Artistic Flair Shines at Work and Play

By Mark Arike,
Marketing Associate, Arts Council

Linda Middleton's passion for creativity is reflected in the work she does for clients and in the work she does for her own self-fulfillment – oil and watercolour paintings. But no matter which of the two she finds herself doing, you can be sure that she's giving it her all.

For the past six years Middleton has been the owner and operator of Crystal Image Studio – a full service graphic design and print company in the Harcourt area. With over 25 years of experience in the industry, she stuck it out through the days before computers and advanced programs were out on the market – and those years, inevitably, have given her quite a good perspective on how things have really advanced.

"Graphic design was much more limiting than it is nowadays," says Middleton, while trying to recall when the first "green and black" screen came out with Pagemaker on it. "To place shadows behind text took hours ... and it took special effects on the camera after you sat and Letraset each letter down separately."

Middleton got her start in the graphic design and print business rather quickly. Immediately after graduating from St. Lawrence College in Kingston with a Visual and Creative Arts diploma (specialization in graphic design), she entered the workforce.

"I worked for several printing companies in the Belleville and Trenton area," she said.

After marrying, Middleton and her husband made their way north, and it was then that she noticed she was in a place that could utilize what she had to offer.

"I could see that there was a need for graphic design and printing services," Middleton recalls, adding that many of her city clients continued to obtain her services after the move to Harcourt. "I was making newsletters, brochures, rack cards – all that stuff. The work that I did after Belleville didn't

really change, it just was that now I was doing it all myself."

In today's extremely efficient technological world, it's easy to send and receive files via high-flying online speeds. That means that the distance that separates her from her clients isn't even an issue.

"I have clients in Ottawa, the Brockville area, Belleville, Brighton, Toronto, as well as many in and around Bancroft, throughout all of Haliburton County ... one is in New Zealand proofing their stuff right now," says Middleton.

In her time spent in the Highlands, Middleton has carried out projects for a number of local organizations and businesses, ranging in size and time involvement.

For five years she has been the creative brain behind the design of the Arts Council's Directory – a 48-page guide that lists artists, studios, tours and more in the Highlands. She has also conceptualized past editions of the Events Calendar.

Of all the jobs that she's taken on, Middleton finds a lot of joy in logo design.

"It's like painting," she says.

When she's not doing her day job (from the comfort of her own home), Middleton loves to paint in watercolours and oils. Landscapes tend to be her specialty, but once in a while she'll take a trip into the unknown.

"It's my relaxation time; I need to do more of it. I like landscapes but sometimes I'll step outside my comfort zone and try an abstract. I'm dying to paint a rooster ... don't ask me why," she laughs. "Painting makes me slow down and look at my surroundings while ignoring deadlines of any kind."

For a period of time Middleton was quite heavily involved in these mediums, as she was a participant in the Highlands East Studio Tour for five years.

Over time, Middleton has chosen to be very involved in the local community: she participates in the Plein Air Festival, is a member of the East Central Ontario Art Association, got the Brushstrokes painting group started, is a volunteer puppet player for Point In Time, and is currently on the education committee for the Arts Council.

She's also proud to have been a volunteer on the advisory committee for two Community Care New Horizon's projects: When We Were Young and Generation to Generation.

"I've scaled back a bit in the number of things that I get involved with ... out of need I guess," Middleton says humbly, "but I'm sure I'll dive back into more."

If you're interested in learning more about Linda's full line-up of cost-effective, graphic design services email her at info@crystalimagestudio.com or call 705-448-9397.

Linda would like to acknowledge Sharon Bray for helping her develop her business into what it is today.

"She convinced me start the business, and she is a wonderful and inspiring person." ■



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Tourist Market Plan No Go in Minden

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter

A secondary meeting was held at the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce building on Monday, February 22nd to further discuss the possible venture into having a tourist market in the summer months.

The idea of the tourist market was brought to the Chamber in early February from businessman Jack Dougan who wanted to entice more consumers, preferably "high end cottagers", to Minden downtown.

The idea is for a market to run for 11 weeks, from the last week in June to the last week in August. Stalls would be set up in downtown Minden, selling high end Canadian made fare. Artisans, fashion retailers and restaurateurs according to Jack would all be the most viable opportunists at the market. Stalls would be set up along Main Street which would be closed to traffic.

Vendors from outside the area and downtown Minden merchants would be able to sell their fare and the market would become almost a travelling market. Dougan wanted to link Minden with Fenelon Falls, Peterborough, Bancroft, and Haliburton. Minden merchants could travel to the other areas and sell their goods there and vice versa.

Dougan wanted to create "a wow factor" with the market. Furthermore he wanted to advertise the market with the female shopper in mind. He added "I want to create an event that is irresistible and that the market soon becomes the talk of cottage country." He wanted to steer the consumer toward Canadian made fare and away from the big box stores that he said, "are competing with

downtown Minden".

The secondary meeting saw almost double the amount of members attend and the reception was mostly disparaging.

Most members were concerned with taking business away from local merchants which would impact on their short high season business time. The market would mean direct competition for local downtown merchants and business owners were concerned that every week the market was held that this would further decrease their business. Business owners from the downtown core also voiced their concerns over rent payments they pay each month compared to the small fee the outside vendors would pay for a stall.

Parking worries were also made to Dougan, with some business owners stating that if seniors were unable to park directly outside the downtown shops on market days then this would drive business away to other towns.

After Dougan noted that he wanted people to shop locally and purchase Canadian fare rather than shop at the big box stores in Minden this was met with hesitation from the members. Susan Kellar from Whispers North Gallery said "we're not worried about big box stores. People are excited about Canadian Tire coming." Lila Sweet from the Gravity Coffee House added, "What big box stores compete with main street merchants?" Dougan was unsure how to respond.

Main Street merchants were adamant that they were successful enough without a market that ran for the majority of their high season trade. They stated that they didn't want to take a chance on something that could ultimately risk their business. Dougan soon realised that he was winning a losing battle. In the end it was decided that the market will not go ahead in Minden.

Dougan later took his business venture to the Haliburton BIA where the idea was received well but according to BIA administrator Jim Frost, "we are taking a wait and see approach to see how it works in other communities. The executive did not approve the proposal at this time." The BIA forwarded on information received at their meeting onto their members and polled them to receive feedback. Frost added that "the initial reaction was that we didn't think we could do a summer 2010 market. There are too many obstacles such as parking issues. The market would decrease parking areas on the street as this is where the stalls would be plus there is a shortage of parking downtown anyways. Some retailers operate their store alone so would have to hire extra staff to mind the outside sales area. There is also a safety concern with having pedestrians walking so close to moving traffic and the large trucks that utilize our main street."

Frost added that the idea of a market that would travel to each area "is a good thing it just doesn't necessarily work in Haliburton. We'll look at other towns and see how successful it's been there, collect the reaction from our members and go from there."

Bancroft has approved the market idea and their market will be held each Tuesday in June, July and August. ■

Ultrasound, Norwalk Virus Contained and U.S Health Care Discussed at Hospital Board Meeting.

After patiently waiting for ultrasound to come back to Haliburton County it is looking positive that it will soon make a comeback at Haliburton Highlands Health Services. Paul Rosebush, CEO of HHHS, stated at a board meeting last Thursday; "it looks like at the end of March we'll get approval for it."

It will mean pregnant women in the County will not have to travel long distances anymore to the nearest hospitals with ultrasound facilities such as Lindsay and Peterborough. Therefore reducing stress and time for the parents and lowering travelling costs for those who face transportation issues.

Ultrasound machines were removed from Haliburton over two years ago. An ultrasound clinic would provide the service at least once or twice a week to residents. However Rosebush wouldn't state the name of the potential clinic yet as the decision hadn't yet been finalised.

Other matters discussed at the board meeting was the news of the possibility of convalescent care beds in the county although no proposals have been drafted yet. Rosebush told the members that "the demand for long term care is still there. There were four available beds recently at long term care and the last bed at Hyland Crest will be going shortly." In the near future Rosebush wants to look at bed management and how people are prioritised.

It was announced by Rosebush that the HHHS managed to contain the Norwalk virus after an outbreak at the HHHS during the week of February 15th. Board members congratulated the efforts of staff to keep the virus contained, and noted that it was amazing that it was kept away from the long term care facility.

The Norwalk virus causes viral gastroenteritis resulting in vomiting and diarrhoea 24 to 48 hours after being exposed to the virus, with symptoms lasting for up to two days. Rosebush said that up to 80 per cent of patients had become infected with the virus. There had been outbreaks in Lindsay and Bobcaygeon as well.

At the board meeting Rosebush made a presentation regarding Rural U.S. Health Care. The slideshow was facilitated by Terry Hill, executive director at the Rural Health Resource Center in Duluth, Minnesota. It was noted by Rosebush that rural healthcare facilities across North America are "looking for the same solutions for the same challenges". He added that "our problems aren't unique to Haliburton County, we're not alone. We can look at other people's solutions to their problems as ours are the same."

The presentation made members aware of the current situation with the looming doctor shortage in the States. It was compared with Minden as it too is an underserved area with only one permanent doctor in the community, Dr Wu.

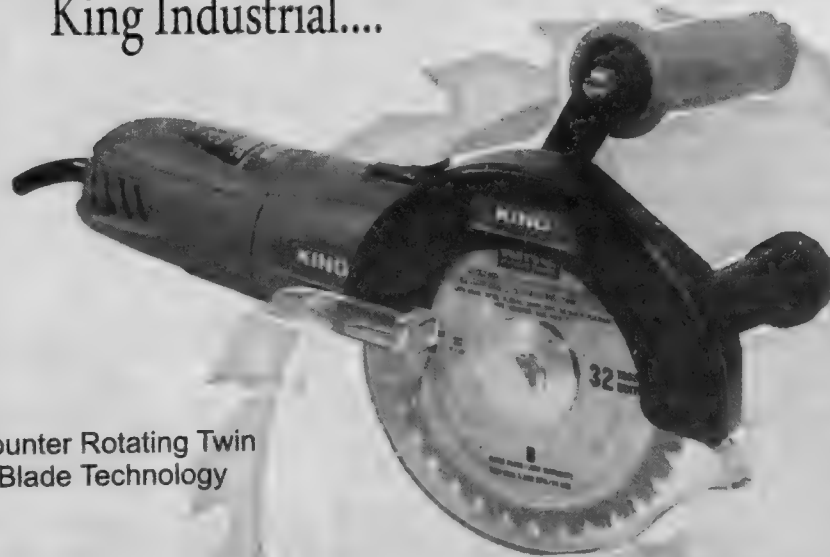
It was noted by Rosebush that telemedicine ports "continue to be a theme here and in U.S. rural hospitals." The ports, which are already available at Haliburton Hospital, are a way for doctors to communicate with other physicians and to get advice from outside doctors when treating patients. The video screen allows the outside physicians to view the patient without having to travel to where the patient is cutting down on large costs.

Rosebush further stated that they intend to use electronic medical records in the future. Although he added, "We're not quite at that stage yet because of funding in the Local Health Integration Network." He continued by saying, "We need to be able to connect our patients with other areas and technology is the best way to do it." Electronic medical records would mean less medical error due to unintelligible handwriting and it would cut down on less travelling for the patient.

As the population in the county ages more rapidly healthcare costs rise as people age and that was another comment at the meeting that the County has to face. Rosebush further commented how the needs of Haliburton County within the LHIN aren't prioritised because Haliburton County makes up just one per cent of the total LHIN population. ■

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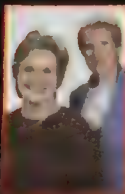
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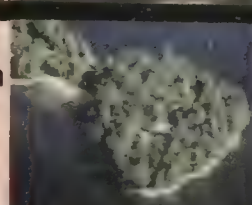
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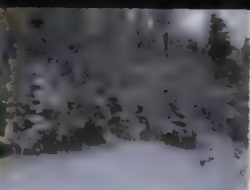
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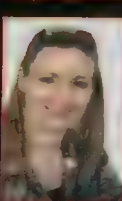
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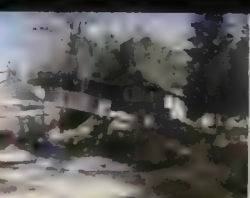
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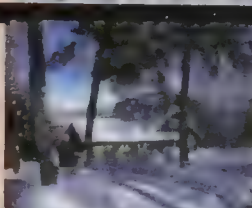
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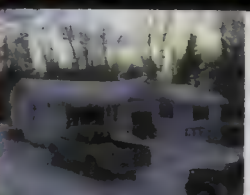
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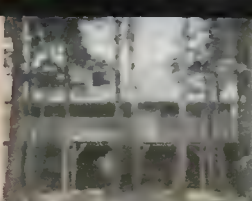
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Highlands East Municipal Summary

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Highlands East Cultural Association Seeks Support from Council

In preparation for another successful season, one of the Highlands East Cultural Association's founding members, Tracey Green, approached the Highlands East Council to apprise them of activities scheduled for 2010 and to ask for Council's support.

Green first asked Council's permission to continue to use the Tory Hill Parkette for the season for their Tory Hill Market and for their plein-air. She commented that the market had been impacted by the Haliburton Farmers Market and that some of the vendors were exhausted, causing them to take special care in setting their dates to allow everyone to attend. Green said that this year they would focus on a small but unique market with some speciality products not normally available. She also said that they would be developing a community produce table where each Sunday one of their volunteers would man a table, selling food from private gardens.

Green said the HECA planned to use existing funding for marketing of this year's plein-air and they would like Council's permission to put up flags that they could continue to utilize over the summer. She also requested assistance to install posts to support the banners. According to Green the Highlands Nursery has made a substantial donation of plants for the parkette and she asked for a small sign or plaque to be placed in the garden acknowledging the donation.

Green spoke of the success of their Day Trippers Adventure Guide that they had printed last year. She said that they were going to attempt doing the publication again. The project costs approximately \$2700 and Green tearfully said that many of those considering advertising, found the cost slightly out of reach despite the acknowledged benefits. Green said, "HECA will be approaching businesses again throughout February and March, so wish us luck."

"Brush with the Highlands was a real feather in our cap," Green than said, adding proudly that HECA had been able to organize an event that didn't take the air out of anyone else's wings. There were 41 participants last year, a number of whom have already registered for this year. According to Green all of the artists are returning, bringing more artists with them.

Green said that the greatest hurdle for the plein-air was getting people to the art show on the Monday of the long weekend and asked for Council's support in spreading the word, particularly as it brought people into the village. Saying that HECA is not yet incorporated, Green asked Council's permission/support to submit a Trillium Application through the municipality. "We're also looking at funding under Ontario Cultural Attractions which would be a loan; something we are considering if we have your support."

Green then spoke about a new project that HECA is introducing. The 'Epicurious Club' allows people in the area to experience foods from all over the world without leaving Highlands East. Green said, "We have a pot luck at members' houses and music from the chosen country. The club costs nothing to promote other than community involvement and members can be of any gender or age."

Green's bottom line was a request for a staff member to liaison with the HECA on an ongoing basis as well as a request for any funding assistance Council might consider during upcoming budget deliberations.

Council were very supportive of the association's efforts. CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig agreed to work with Green and Council passed a resolution authorizing funding applications under the municipality's umbrella.

Glamorgan Community Centre to be Renamed

Councillor Donna Graham's request to Council to rename the Glamorgan Community Centre the 'Robert McCausland Memorial Community Centre' has been unanimously approved.

Graham recently went door to door in Gooderham asking residents for support of this request. "Everyone was very supportive," she said, offering to provide a list of the people she had spoken with.

McCausland, who passed away in March of 1992, was the Councillor, Deputy Reeve and finally Reeve of Glamorgan between 1977 and 1991. In her letter to Council, Graham said, "Bob worked very hard during his many terms to ensure our township had a recreational complex and even during his illness he didn't relinquish the reins or forget his desires for his community. He was responsible for the municipal complex that now houses the Post Office, library and Highlands East building department and was the force behind the addition to the Gooderham Firehall."

Graham said that McCausland had long term goals for the community that residents continued to enjoy and the least the Council could do was honour his efforts. Council whole heartedly agreed.

Council Attendance at Staff Meetings

On the heels of several Council members showing up at a fire fighters meeting, the question of whether or not Council should attend staff meetings was raised at the last Council meeting. Reeve Burton asked that the matter be placed on the agenda, saying "We should be able as a Council to have the liberty to attend any meeting."

The CAO said she had spoken with a Municipal Advisor from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing who had advised that there was nothing in the act to preclude their attendance. She added, however that it was not considered the norm as staff will not speak as freely or interact as much.

Councillor Suzanne Partridge commented that Council had no place at staff meetings. "They should be free to have their own meetings without interference. We are here to set policy." Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie took offence at the word 'interference' suggesting that as long as there was no disruption they had the right to attend any meeting. "The bottom line," he said, "is that we have the right to go to any meeting."

Stoughton said, "I don't disagree. If I want to attend to see what is going on and it is for the good of the community I should be able to do so."

Burton agreed, but cautioned that Council had to be careful. "If there are three or more of us then it could be considered a council meeting that requires minutes, but it could be done."

Request to Rescind Ban on Wolf Hunting Leads to Controversy

As a matter of course, municipal Councils are always receiving requests for support from other municipalities. At their last meeting, the Highlands East Council reviewed a request from the Township of South Algonquin to pass a resolution asking the Ministry of Natural Resources to rescind the ban on wolf hunting in townships bordering on Algonquin Park.

According to information from South Algonquin there have been a number of incidents of human and wolf altercations since the wolf hunting and trapping ban were put in place. Several fishermen had been attacked as well as pets.

Mackie was quick to suggest that the request be supported, but Partridge asked for a recorded vote.

Partridge held the position that wolves are part of nature and should be accepted. Each member of Council supported a resolution asking for the hunting and trapping ban to be rescinded, with the exception of Partridge.

It was interesting to note that during the same meeting the Council was asked to review and adopt a new Workplace Violence and Harassment Policy which precluded any staff member from carrying any firearm, knife, explosive devices, clubs or blunt objects, air guns, pellet guns or blow guns or any replica thereof.

Reeve Burton said he had heard several complaints from area residents about wolves and coyote's in proximity to residences. "There's a wolf around my place and its getting too friendly."

This led to a discussion about the need for staff to protect themselves from predators, during animal control calls or at the landfill sites should bears become aggressive, despite the fact that standard practice had been to call MNR.

Mackie disagreed with the clause that precluded staff from carrying weapons. He said, "They were trying to do the same thing in Algonquin Highlands by banning guns on road allowances." Partridge agreed that there should be some exceptions.

Mackie said, "This has been pulled out of some city. Hell, they teach firearms courses in the high school in Bancroft. This is a different culture and we would be hampering our staff from doing their jobs."

Despite the fact that Ministry officers visit the landfills regularly, this particular policy was deferred. ■



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VCAD Students Display Work at Local Gallery

By Zoe Cittern

Take a visit to the Rails End Gallery soon and you'll see the journey of art that the current students of the Visual and Creative Arts Diploma at Fleming College are taking.

Every piece is distinctly different yet all together they represent a progressive and raw look into the work of artists that are exploring their new found freedom of choosing what art medium they decide to investigate.

Although sometimes challenging the journey the students are taking is displayed for all to see at the gallery and that's something that curator Laurie Jones admires: "This is a brave choice. It's hard to unzip yourself into public viewing, for me that is very brave."

2010 is the second year that the Rails End has presented a peek into the world of the VCAD students. Laurie Jones met with Darlene Bolahood, full-time program co-ordinator for the VCAD program, after the gallery had a short window space and soon the gallery showing was built into the program for the students.

In the VCAD program students can learn numerous differing art mediums such as ceramics, glassblowing and even blacksmithing.

The current art on display involves photography, fabric, ceramic tiles, balloons and even drinking straws. It's important to note that the work isn't finished; it is part of the concept development portion of their semester.

Once the students had finished with the theory side and learnt conceptual methods they took one area they had previously enjoyed and then focused on a specific material or technique. Anything they wanted to explore they could.

Twenty three students offered their art work to the walls and were given five feet of space to display their work.

One medium displayed in the gallery that isn't regarded as a conventional artistic material was colourful drinking straws. Sarah Gucciardi explored 2D and 3D forms by investigating the drinking straws. How did she come to use such an unusual medium? "It was really spontaneous, I started playing with the straws in class and cutting them up and then cutting them diagonally. I explored many realms of what I could do with them. It was cheap material too so that was a bonus!" laughed Sarah.

Delicate shapes are crafted from the straws and Laurie commented, "She's turned drinking straws into shapes that are

very organic and that's very interesting." Sarah played with lighting her art work and then studied the shadows that her pieces had created. The beauty of the work Sarah created conveyed the true progressive nature that the students develop through the VCAD program. Sarah hopes to delve deeper into other art forms such as pottery, photography and glassblowing after she finishes the VCAD program.

Another student decided to play with technology to create her work. Patricia Harris used Photoshop to manipulate a number of photographs she had taken. She started out with a clear photograph and then manipulated it through Photoshop to create an entirely new subject. The students had already been taught some areas of Photoshop in their classes and then Patricia chose to study and investigate the different techniques the program offers. Photographs of woodland scenes were transformed into new shapes and colours. The method Patricia used saw no boundaries for what she could eventually create.

Laurie noted that the work on display highlights the "collective minds of everyone, you see the personalities of the students through the work. Some are still developing their personality and others are clear and confident of their voice. When the students were installing their pieces it was a very supportive atmosphere. They are all at different stages of their artistic life; some are already established as artists whereas some have just graduated from High School."

One student, Heidi Hunter, who had moved from Thunder Bay to attend the VCAD program, hopes to come back next year to study ceramics at the college. Heidi's work that was on display showed the different methods and development of her art through the ceramics she had created. Heidi stated that enrolling in the program "after being out of High School for a number of years was the best decision of my life."

Laurie lastly commented that "the art on display is progressive and exploration work. It would be interesting to find out if the student's work changed or differed once they knew what they were exploring would be shown in a public gallery. They are very vulnerable at this stage of their careers."

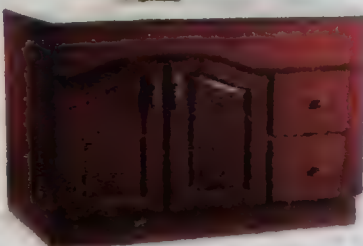
The VCAD art work will be on display until March 17th. You can meet the students at an opening reception at Rails End on March 11th from 5-7pm. ■



Pictured above; Art work created by Megan Carter, below; a wire structured horse with ceramic tiles as the body sculptured by Brittney Howe.



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Haliburton Nordic Skiers Host Ontario Cup

Haliburton cross-country skiers performed well against some of the toughest competition in Ontario February 27th and 28th as the Haliburton Ski Club hosted the final Ontario Cup.

Saturday featured the free (or skate) technique race. Haliburton skiers brought home the gold this day as Jack and Christine Simpson took first place in the Master Men and Master Women categories. Meanwhile their son, Jonah, took first place in the Midget category for 11 and 12 year-olds. MPP Rick Johnson and Dysart et al. Reeve Murray Fearrey were on hand to present the medals.

Other notable local performances on Saturday were turned in by Emily Turner, Christine Bishop, Betty Paton and Del and Brynn Meyers. Saturday's races were gruelling due to the individual start format where racers had to race alone against the clock.

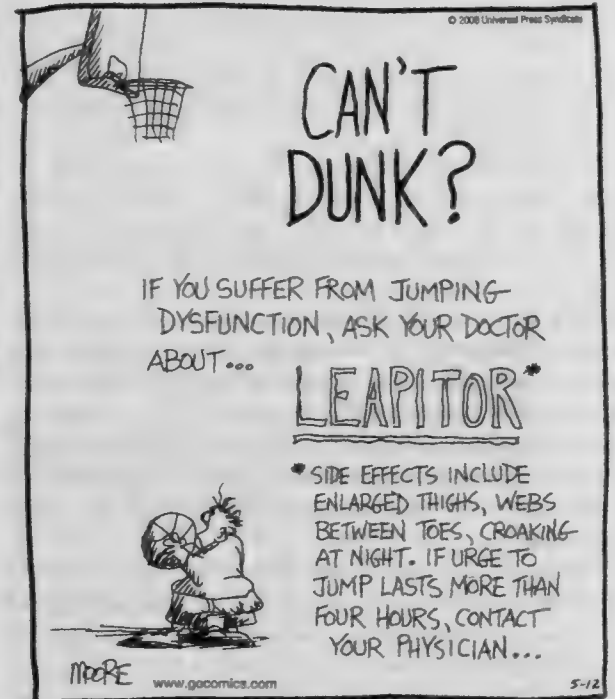
Sunday brought excitement as racers used the classic technique in mass-start races. Again Haliburton was represented by Betty Paton, Del and Brynn Meyers. The stadium was a hum of activity as skiers madly prepared their skis for soft conditions that made the waxing difficult.

It was joked that, "Whistler conditions were especially brought in to commemorate the final day of the Olympics."

In other categories, excellent performances were turned in by Waterloo's Andy Shields (men under 20), David Askwith of Owen Sound and Lindsay Anderson of Sudbury. ■



Pictured above: skiers Christine Bishop and Brynn Meyers who competed in the Mini Midget Girls 2.5 km race. Middle picture: Christine Bishop smiles as she takes part in the Ontario Cup. Pictured below: Dellon Meyers races for the finish line after competing in the Midget Boys 3.5 km race. Pictures submitted by Val Bishop.



Red Hawks Win First Playoff, Advance to Semi Finals

The Haliburton High School Red Hawks won their first league playoff game against Peterborough's Kenner Rams 3 - 1 on Monday night to advance to the semi finals. The Hawks got off to their traditional fast start, with the forwards finding the post on at least two occasions and it seemed just a matter of time before they got the lead. But the Kenner goalie was sharp, the posts were on their side, and the period ended in a scoreless draw.

Then, in the first five minutes of the second, Kenner got on the board first with a breakaway goal, putting the pressure to advance squarely on the Red Hawks shoulders: and shortly thereafter Ashton Hailey capitalized on a beautiful setup by Brett Yake and Ian Bottum and slammed the puck home for a 1 - 1 tie. Then, in the third period, Yake put the Hawks ahead, and at the six minute mark scored again, this time shorthanded, to make it 3 - 1 Hawks.

The referees then seemed to get a case of the yips and were handing out penalties to whoever moved: at various times both squads held the advantage, with the Rams getting a couple of 5 on 3 chances. The penalty parade continued for most of the remainder of the game. Hawks goalie Paddy Manuge was rock solid throughout and the Hawk defence never panicked, holding off the Rams at every advantage.

Finally, with about three minutes to go, the refs penalized the Rams just as they were applying great pressure in the Hawks' end, and that effectively put an end to the Kenner team's rally, and hopes of a playoff win.

The Hawks' victory assures them of a semi final berth against the same Adam Scott Lions whom they lost to last week by a 4 - 3 count, the Hawk's only defeat in the regular season. So revenge, if it comes, will be sweet. If the Hawks win the semi-final they're assured of a berth in the COSSA tournament starting in Belleville next Monday, March 8th. If they lose, the season's over. Full coverage of the semi-finals will appear in next week's Voice. ■



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Storm AEs Lead Lakefield 2 -1 in Semis

The Highland Storm Atom AEs started their semi-final series against Lakefield Chiefs last Friday with the first of three weekend games in Lakefield. The boys did not seem nervous but their parents certainly were. The teams are equally matched with 10 players (two lines) and a goalie apiece. The teams are playing three 15 minute periods which is the norm for the Chiefs. As the teams tried to figure each other out they both played strongly but the Storm prevailed.

The Storm scored three goals in the first period, two by Jake Bull and one by Greg Crofts with assists to Devyn Prentice, Alex Wilbee, Owen Smith and Trevor Turner. The Chiefs managed to answer with one goal in the first and the second period. In the third period the Storm boys do what they always do and set about to win, with another goal by Greg Crofts making this his fiftieth of the season, two by Owen Smith and another by Jake Bull, giving him his first hat trick of the season.

Assists went to Alex Wilbee, Carter O'Neill, Devyn Prentice and Jack Dobie. Great goal tending by Anthony Bertucca and playing from Jacob Haedicke and Ryan Prentice. Winning score was 7-4.

Game two on Saturday in Minden proved to be a difficult game with the benches having figured out how to play against the other team. The Storm struggled somewhat but still managed to pull out a 4-3 win. Goals went to Jacob Haedicke, Owen Smith, Devyn Prentice and Jake Bull, with assists to Devyn Prentice and Jake Bull. The rest of the team played great as well.

In game three the Chiefs managed to shut down the Storm's Greg Crofts, Alex Wilbee, Trevor Turner, Jack Dobie and Jacob Haedicke: no goals from these boys, but they still managed to get some shots away. The Chiefs were playing for their hockey lives and had no intention of going down in three games. The Storm lost this game 4-2, with Storm goals going to Devyn Prentice and Owen Smith, assists to Jake Bull, Carter O'Neill and Owen Smith. The boys will be ready to play game four on Friday March 5 in Minden at 6pm. Game five, if necessary, will be at Lakefield on March 6th at 1PM and Game six in Minden on Sunday March 7th at 4 pm. Please come out and support these boys who have worked hard to be this far in the OMHA playoffs.

Karena Crofts, manager, Highland Storm Atom AE ■



Back row: Owen Smith(right wing),Devyn Prentice(left wing), Jack Dobie(right defence),Trevor Turner(right wing), Jake Bull(centre), Jacob Haedicke(left defence) - Centre:Ryan Prentice(left defence),Carter O'Neill(right defence),Greg Crofts(centre),Alex Wilbee(left wing)
Front:Anthony Bertucca (goalie)

Storm Atom As Go Up 2 - 0 in OMHA Semi Finals

Last Saturday, Feb. 27th the Highland Storm Atom A team travelled all the way to Delhi in Southern Ontario (a four-hour drive) to take on the Delhi Rockets in the OMHA semi-final playdowns.

In Game One the Storm kept the pressure on all game, with many shots on goal: Mat Wilbee got a hat trick, the team as a whole played really well, and we came away with a 6-1 win.

In Game Two we faced more of a challenge, but battled hard for a 6-3 win.

Come cheer on these boys this weekend: Game three is set for 7:30 pm in Minden on Friday, March 5th:

Game four, (if necessary) will go at 5:00pm in Minden Saturday March 6th, and Game five (if necessary) at 2:30 pm in Minden Sunday March 7th.

Let's go Boys!!! ■

Monica Keefer □



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3. Socrates said, "I know that I know ____."
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GRADUATE LEVEL

4. What is meant by the Socratic method?
Answer _____

5. Of what crime was he found guilty?
Answer _____

6. How was his death penalty to be carried out?
Answer _____

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7. Who was Xanthippe?
Answer _____

8. Who were Lamprocles, Sophroniscus and Menexenus?
Answer _____

9. The phrase "This sentence is false" is an example of a Socratic _____.
Answer _____

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10 Canine tooth
16 "Nowhere" — ('66 hit)
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21 May or Stritch
22 Clark's "Mogambo" co-star
23 She's not a bleached blond, she's ...
26 Tear
27 Walk confidently
28 Composer
29 Stevenson scoundrel
30 Singer
31 Fill to the gills
34 Rapier
37 — Locka, FL
40 Eastern dye
42 Raven maven?
45 — terrier
48 She's not old, she's ...
54 Conductor's concern
55 "— Nidre"
56 Right-fielder Tony

57 Discontinue
58 "Strange Interlude" playwright
60 Quaker colonist
62 Baby bites
64 Hazard
65 Keats' "— a Nightingale"
66 Scuba site
68 Tach meas.
69 Actress Ruby
70 He doesn't have detention, he's ...
75 Ring figure
78 Brit. lexicon
79 Puente or Jackson
80 Cognizant
84 Actor
86 Rushed
88 Poet
90 Paint over
92 Sacks
94 Urania's sister
96 Seer's gift
98 Undo an error
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103 Approaches
104 Superlative suffix
105 It's up in the air
106 '60s campus org.

107 Printer's measure
109 Entangle
110 "A Yank in the —" ('41 film)
113 — pro quo
116 Beethoven dedicatee
120 Sahara vision
123 Decorative vase
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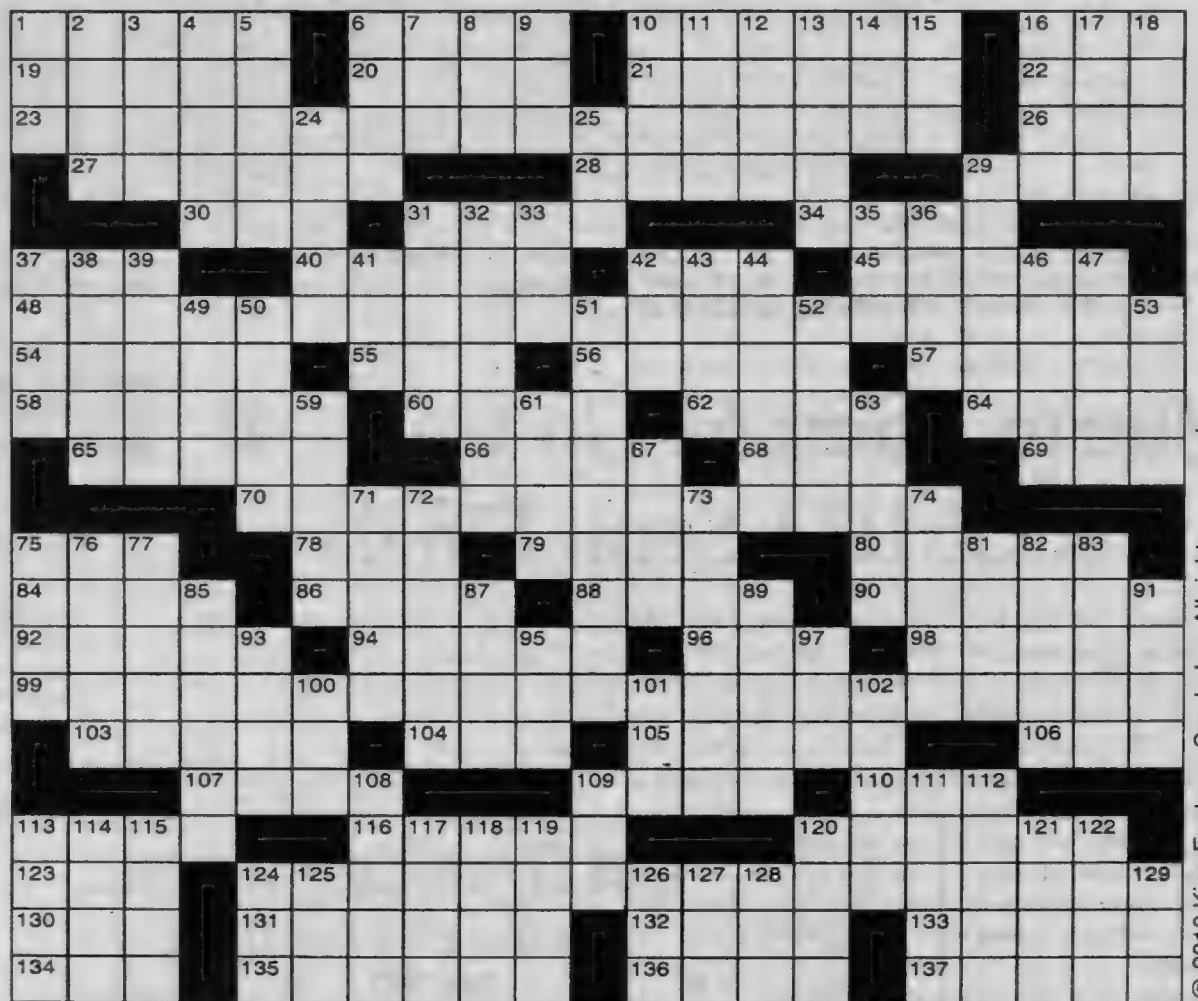
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41 Lodge brother
42 Comrade
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112 "— Attraction" ('87 film)
113 Bog, for short
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Dear Abby

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MAN STOPPED KEEPING HOUSE THE MINUTE HE GOT MARRIED

DEAR ABBY: When I first met my husband of two years, "Phil," he owned his own home, kept it spotless and his yard neat, prepared his own meals and did his laundry. Those qualities made him stand out from the many spoiled "Mama's boys" I had dated in the past. Now that we're married it's like he has amnesia. He has "forgotten" how to operate the washing machine, scrub a toilet or wash a dish. He hasn't cleaned the bathroom once since our wedding, washes only one load of laundry a week (his own work uniforms) and performs other domestic tasks only if I ask repeatedly. I don't enjoy nagging him. I teach school and attend graduate school at night, so I'm just as exhausted at the end of the day as he is, even though his labor is more physical. I know this problem is nothing new, but I am hoping you can offer some insight or advice. Why do so many men feel entitled to flop on the couch every night and expect us women to trudge through the housework into the wee hours? -- NOT THE MAID IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR NOT THE MAID: Probably because that's what they saw their mothers do, and whether it's conscious or not, they consider housework to be "women's work." However, a lot has changed over the last generation, and your mother-in-law deserves credit for equipping her son to be independent after he left her nest. Because so many couples are both employed today, many husbands and wives share housekeeping responsibilities. And because you yourself are working the equivalent of two jobs, that's what you and your husband should be doing. Of course, that won't happen until and unless you're willing to put your foot down and impress upon him that you married him to be his partner -- not his maid -- and that if he wants a happy marriage, he's going to have to pull his share of the load.

DEAR ABBY: I'm worried about my 14-year-old granddaughter. She's a good soccer player and frequently "heads" the soccer ball. I think this could be harmful to her brain. I have spoken to two coaches about it; they say I shouldn't worry. But I saw on the Internet that chronic traumatic brain injury has occurred in soccer and football players. What do you think? Should I pursue this concern? -- GRANDMA AND NURSE IN HOUSTON

DEAR GRANDMA: What do your granddaughter's parents have to say about this? Surely, she is not participating in a team sport without their written permission. That said, because everything one reads on the Internet isn't necessarily accurate, if you wish to pursue this, I'd recommend you start by talking to a licensed medical professional.

DEAR ABBY: I have been infatuated with a co-worker for more than a year. The problem is, he knows it and is reluctant to become more involved because we work together. We flirt constantly. We're good friends and talk almost daily about things that go way beyond work. Everyone here knows we have a thing for each other. How do I cross over without risking our friendship? We're both single and unattached. -- INFATUATED IN DOWNEY, CALIF.

DEAR INFATUATED: More than a few romances have started in the workplace, if there is no company policy forbidding fraternization, so why not ask him to join you for dinner one evening? I can't see how that would be a risk to your friendship. His response will tell you whether or not he's just an office flirt who enjoys the sexual tension and prefers to leave things as they are.

Horoscopes

It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: You are extraordinarily sensitive to people's feelings, and you're always ready to offer comfort if necessary.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Disappointed about something that didn't go your way? Cheer up. Look at the reasons it happened, and you could find a valuable lesson about what to do (or not do!) the next time.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time to do some reassessing of plans and goals -- even how you considered redoing your bathroom. The point is to be open to change if change can improve things.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Take some time to learn who is the right person (or persons) to approach and discuss your ideas with for your new project. Also, reserve time to prepare for an upcoming family event.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Dealing with a demanding situation, as you recently did, could drain much of your own emotional reserves. Take time to relax and indulge yourself in some well-earned pampering.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The regal Lion might feel that she or he is above emotional displays. But showing your feelings can be liberating for you, and reassuring for someone who has been waiting for you to do so.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) An emotionally needy person might make more demands than you can cope with. Best to ask for some breathing space NOW, before resentment sets in and makes communication difficult.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) An unexpected spate of mixed signals could cause serious schedule setbacks. Best to focus on straightening everything out as soon as possible and get everyone back on track.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Be aware that someone in the workplace could try to use a disagreement with a colleague against you. If so, be prepared to offer your side of the story with the facts to back you up.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) An unexpected challenge to a previous decision can be unsettling. But your reservoir of self-confidence -- plus your loyal supporters -- should help carry the day for you. Good luck.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) While the idea of making some sort of major move in the near future continues to interest you, don't overlook a new possibility that could be emerging closer to home.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Be careful not to base an upcoming decision on gossip or anything you might hear if it can't meet provable standards. That's true regardless of whom the source might be.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might still need to do some solid reassessing early in the week before you can close that sensitive situation. A new job-related opportunity could present itself later in the week.

Rotary Auction Raises \$13,000



Haliburton Rotary's annual Auction last Saturday night, hosted by super-MC and Auctioneer Mike Jaycock, raised \$13,000 net that will be devoted to community projects. Some \$22,000 in goods were donated for the auction, including a signed Matt Duchene jersey and a 50-inch LG plasma television. Catering was by Rhubarb.

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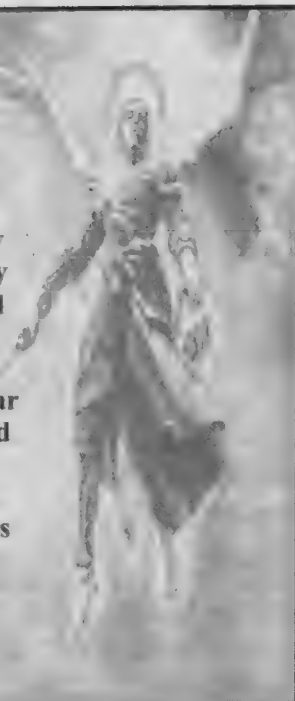
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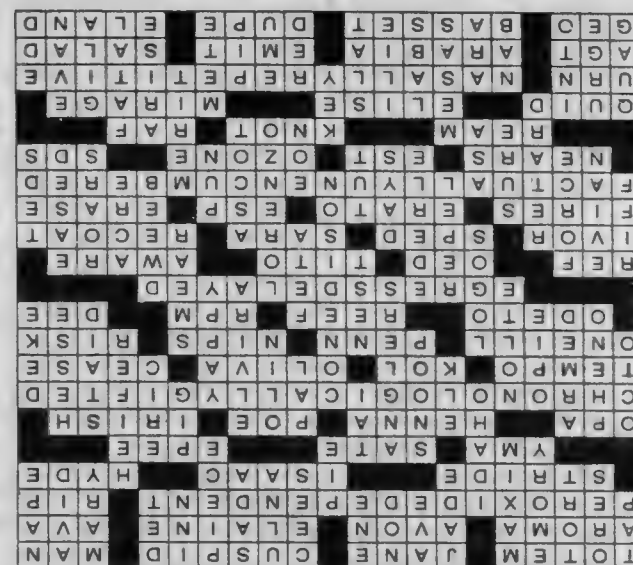
Happy Birthday

Anne McKay Celebrating A Milestone

Please join us on March 13th, 2010 as we celebrate the 90th Birthday of Anne McKay 2:00p.m.-4:00p.m. at the Mount Batten Room at the Royal Canadian Legion. Light refreshments being served.



Good Wishes Only



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DEATH NOTICES



Marion DeYoung
(nee Morton)

At West Park Long Term Care Centre on March 2, 2010 in her 89th year. Beloved wife to the late John "Jack" DeYoung. Loving mother of John (Janice), Karen (Dave Rowe), Jen (Carl Godfrey) and Kathleen (David Neville). Loving grandmother "Nanny" to Jennifer, Michelle, Darcy, Julia, Leah, Elissa and Joel. Predeceased by her siblings Fran, Art and Ross.

Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends will be received at the Ward Funeral Home, 2035 Weston Road (North of Lawrence Ave. W.) Weston on Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9pm. A funeral service will be held on Friday, March 5th in the Chapel at 11a.m. with visitation from 10am. Then to Haliburton Community Funeral Home, Hwy #118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209 for visitation on Saturday, March 6th from 2-4pm. Interment in the Spring at Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated by the family.

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Curator/Heritage Programmer, Minden Hills Museum
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The Minden Hills Museum is a community museum made up of 6 heritage buildings and a collections building owned and operated by the Township of Minden Hills. The Museum is under the administrative umbrella of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre (MHCC) which, along with the museum, is made up of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery (a public art gallery) and the R.D. Lawrence Place (literary arts and environmental education centre). The MHCC site also houses the Minden Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library and Highland Media Arts, a community based media arts and education organization.

Minden Hills Museum's Curator/Heritage Programmer is a dynamic and enthusiastic individual who understands community based programming and possesses a keen interest and/or experience in heritage education, cultural history or museum studies. Reporting to the Director of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, the Curator/Heritage Programmer is responsible for the museum collection, the day-to-day operations of the museum, the development of heritage education programs for school groups and for the delivery of community programs.

For a more information and a copy of the full job description go to

www.mindenculturalcentre.com or call 705-286-2808

Interested applicants should send resume and covering letter (include job title on cover letter) by 4 pm March 18, 2010. Emailed applications are accepted. Send to:

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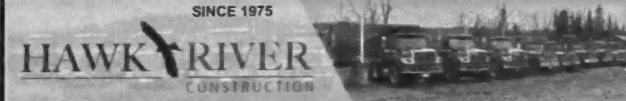
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Minden Bowl For Kids Sake Raises \$7,000 for Big Brothers, Big Sisters

The annual Minden Bowl For Kids is a very important event that's essential for the continuation of Big Brother and Big Sister services in Haliburton County; it is the only source of revenue to support programs at this time.

The organization is always in need of more volunteers to become big brothers, big sisters, big couples or in-school mentors.

In this year's event, the best dressed individual for the 6:30 time slot was Colleen O'Bryne, dressed as Don Johnson from Miami Vice. The Best Dressed Team was the 80's Rockers. Best dressed teams received a pizza from Godfathers Pizza and Best Dressed individuals received a Big Brother Big Sister T-shirt.

The total amount raised in Minden this year was \$6,940, which included a \$500 donation from the Kinnmount Lions Club.

Val and Andy Lennox of The Fast Lane were wonderful hosts who made the event enjoyable for all the participants.

The most pledges raised by a team went to Avon (The Greene Team) who raised \$1,195 and close behind were The Haliburton Lions Club who raised \$1,143.

Individuals who raised \$100 received a Insulated Tumbler with the Big Brother Big Sister logo, those that raised \$200 received a Hat with our logo and those that raised \$300 received a Long Sleeve Shirt with our full logo embroidered on it. ■



Photos by Gord Barter

Curves Hosts Fit for Heart Event

With a little bit of determination, stamina and exercise members at Curves in Haliburton helped to raise over \$1500 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Wanda Byers the owner of Curves was approached by Pam Gulenchyn, a representative from the Heart and Stroke Foundation about conducting a fundraising event through fitness.

Wanda explains how "there was lots of enthusiasm from the members here, along with myself and other members that have heart issues it seemed the right thing to do."



Each participant collected pledges over a month period, then last Saturday, February 27th they worked out for 25 minutes so they could keep the circuit filled for the day.

The money helps support the critical research in preventing heart disease and stroke. ■



Pictured above; Owner of Curves Wanda Byers uses the gym equipment while Heather Lindsay steps in time to the music as they raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Pictured below; Highest fundraiser Melinda Nesbitt works out in aid for the Fit for Heart event.

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★ Live Entertainment ★ Cocktail Reception ★ Gourmet Buffet Dinner

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Sledders Support Easter Seals

Last Saturday snowmobilers put their sleds into action not just to shred some powder but to raise money at the same time.

Each year sled heads province wide come together to raise funds for Easter Seals Kids which provides funding to families of kids with physical disabilities for costly equipment such as wheelchairs and communication devices. Snowarama has been running for over 30 years in support of Ontario's children and youth with physical disabilities.

Easter Seals Kids is the official charity of choice for the OFSC and in 1975 Snowarama was created by the famous wrestler Whipper Billy Watson in 1975. It continues to this day to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for children in need.

The money helps ease the financial burden on families so that children with physical disabilities are able to get the tools they need to achieve their full potential and importantly their independence.

The Ontario snowmobile district six encompasses areas from Haliburton and Bancroft to the eastern areas of Ottawa. This year Snowarama in District six was held by the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association for the first time at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre in Haliburton.

Each snowmobile collected pledges and then rode a specific trail in aid for Easter Seals Kids. All of the money raised went directly to the organisation.

At the time of going to press participants at the event managed to raise \$1,000 with more pledges still being sent in to the HCSA.

The HCSA would like to thank Easton's Valumart in Minden, Haliburton's Foodland, Todd's Independent in Haliburton along with Dollo's IGA in Minden for their gracious donations and support for the event. Furthermore they would like to thank the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre and all the volunteers and participants. ■

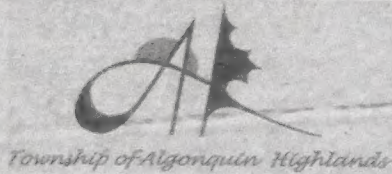


St Pat's Stew Dinner

THE LOCHLIN COMMUNITY CENTRE IS
HOSTING A ST. PATRICK'S DAY STEW
DINNER

SATURDAY MARCH 13TH, 2010-STARTS AT
4:30P.M.

Homemade stew and coleslaw will be served with a roll and dessert. For reservation call Lynda at 286-3438 or Helen at 286-6087. Bring your kids-friends-neighbours and enjoy an evening and support your Community Centre.



Stanhope Soccer League Registration

Tuesday March 16th, 2010 from
7:00p.m.-9:00p.m. and Saturday
March 27, 2010 from 1:00p.m.-
3:00p.m. Boys and Girls ages 5 to 14
as of June 15, 2010. Stanhope Fire
Fighter's Hall, North Shore Road
Carnarvon

****Important** Bring your Health
Card Volunteer Coaches, Assistant
Coaches and Student Coaches
needed.**

Please call the Recreation Department
at 705-766-9968 for more information

Got An Event??

Let everyone know
what's happening....
advertise your
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Coming
Soon



The Highlands Community Pregnancy Care Centre will be sponsoring a showing of "Sarah's Choice" at Lakeside Baptist Church on Friday March 12th, 2010 at 7:00p.m. \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 per family for more information call: 705-457-4673 see the trailer at www.pureflix.com/sarah

Coming Events...

Featuring... **EASTERN PRO TOUR** *motor sports* **HIGH SPEED** *motor sports* **SCM** *motor sports*

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March 6 & 7, 2010 Pinestone Resort HALIBURTON, ONTARIO

FRIDAY
Driver Practice 1 pm - 4 pm
FREE ADMISSION

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
Races start 10:00 am
Races finish 5:00 pm

TICKETS
1 Day \$20.00 - 2 Day \$25.00
Kids 12 & under \$5.00 per day
or FREE with Adult Accompaniment

2 Full Days of Oval Racing at its Best with Heats & Finals on Both Days YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT!

"Be There!"

For More Info Call: Harold Foyster (705)457-2278
or log on to thehighlandcup.com
Photos provided by Schell Photography

FREE SHUTTLE

FREE SHUTTLE for Weekend Pass Holders provided by HIGHLAND TAXI 457-1777
Shuttle will run from the ORANGE CABOOSE in town Haliburton to the PineStone.
Tickets for the Races will also be available at the Caboose.

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(800) 203-7471

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PINE STREET HALIBURTON - \$229,900



1.83 acre parcel within walking distance of Haliburton Village. 1,700 sq. ft. plus full main finished lower level with new 540 sq. ft. self contained in-law suite! Extensive modern kitchen, large living room w/ corner propane unit, main floor laundry, master bedroom ensuite, lower level family room with propane airtight and side yard walkout, above ground pool with decking, high efficiency propane furnace, drilled well, metal roof plus more!

Cathy Bain * 286-1234 ext. 224

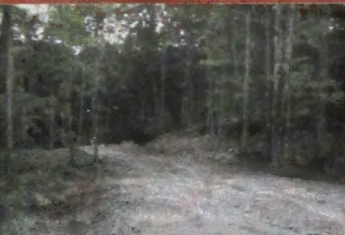
GULL RIVER - \$274,900



Upgraded/renovated 5 bedroom 'turn key' home/cottage on the beautiful Gull River. Take a boat ride of a few hundred feet and enjoy miles of boating on prestigious Gull Lake. This year round property features metal roof, a fully finished walkout features level, upgraded flooring, kitchen and bathrooms, large rooms, numerous decks, room for the kids to play and a nice river view. This property offers everything you need in a home or cottage!

Kerri Farr ** 286-1234 ext. 225

ESTATE LOT - \$110,000



Simply the best! Prime level mature treed 3.7 acre estate lot conveniently nestled 5 minutes outside Haliburton Village. Build your custom home by the areas finest Taroni certified builder! Several existing plans available or build from your plans. Contact LBO for information. GST to be added to list price. Colored photo of model home available for viewing.

Anthony vanLierhout** 457-2414 ext. 27

IRONDALE RIVER - \$119,900



Cute and cozy cottage on the Irondale River. This is a great family property that offers a large, level park-like lot, a well maintained and functional cottage, great swimming and canoeing down the lazy river and access to hiking / snowmobiling / ATV trails close by. Enjoy the peace and quiet of this great area the moment you pull in the driveway. It also comes fully furnished - turnkey and affordable!!!!

Patti Johnson** 705-286-1234 ext. 238

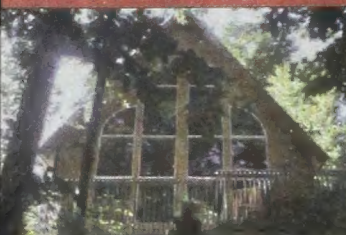
PINE LAKE - \$369,900



Pine Lake (3 lake chain) over half acre w/ 147 feet frontage of sand shoreline. Double driveway w/ detached double garage. 1,750 sq. ft. one level 'Viceroy' 4 season home/cottage - cathedral ceilings w/ floor to ceiling windows and brick fireplace main floor laundry and family areas, spacious kitchen with dinette area, formal dining area and several walkouts. Also includes new propane airtight stove, plus forced air oil heating, central air & vacuum, all appliances plus loads more!

Lorri Roberts* 457-2414 ext. 43

LONG LAKE - \$439,900



Gorgeous lakefront cottage within 10 minutes of Haliburton Village w/ easy access on a yr rd municipally maintained rd. Bright open concept design w/ lge lakefront picture windows leading out to spacious decking for entertaining. Loaded w/ cozy pine furnishings incl. log stairs. Well landscaped lot kept nicely treed for minimal maintenance, gently sloping to extend decking & docking. Plus more.

Chris & Michelle Smolatz* 457-2414 ext. 22

SHANGRI-LA RD. - \$60,000



Great building lot cleared for home construction, stone driveway in with large parking area. Rugged multi-level scenery with potential view of Saskatchewan Lake. Nicely treed for privacy and paths cut throughout property for hiking. Close to crown land w/ accessibility to countless lakes. Popular recreational area with year round access. Half kilometer from scenic Highway 35, 20 min. to either Dorset or Minden, 45 minutes to Bracebridge or Huntsville and Algonquin Park.

Debbie Cumber* 457-2414 ext. 24

STORMY LAKE - \$268,400



Close to waters edge-Charming 2 bedrm cottage with year round access. 139 feet of shoreline borders on crown land with southeast exposure. Child friendly with tree house & swing for extra enjoyment. Separate access to attic ideal for guest quarters or additional storage (finishing touches needed). Enjoy sunsets from the large deck or go swimming/fishing in pristine Stormy Lake.

Susan Johnson* 457-2414, ext. 44

CUSTOM HOME - \$279,000



2004 custom built open concept R2000 bungalow - 3 bedrooms & 3 bathrooms - 2,300 sq. ft. - lower level walkout area. Also has a double attached garage and double detached heated and finished garage/workshop area plus cute 'dollhouse' shed/bunkie. Meticulously maintained home features main floor laundry, master bedroom ensuite and walk in closet, modern kitchen overlooking dining area and walkout to deck, finished lower level with wet bar, wood airtight in family room and cold storage area.

Rachel Carthew* 457-2414, ext. 38

Picadilly Bay - Redstone Lk



Absolutely beautiful setting summer or winter. Many cedar decks on cottage with hot tub. 2 ensuite & 1 -4pc bath. Lots of room for guests, 3 bdrms main level, rec rm, family rm, office, & den on lower W/O level. Lg work room, laundry and foyer for coming in with wet feet or snow. Tastefully put together with each room flowing to the other. You won't want to leave. 1,299,000.00

Gloria Carnochan or Cindy Muenzel* 754-1932

MCCUE LAKE VIEW - \$99,900



3 bedroom starter home. O.F.S.C. rail trails will take you for miles of entertainment. Community playground across the road. Well maintained landscaped lot with built-in outdoor fireplace. Heated insulated workshop. Bathroom renovated with ceramic floors and ceilings, new oil furnace, drilled well and pump.

Chris & Michelle Smolatz* 457-2414 ext. 22

121 ACRES - \$89,900



Nicely treed acreage, great for hunting camp. Pond located on property. Small shed. Lots of wildlife. Great getaway to build your dream country residence.

Debbie Cumber* 457-2414 ext. 24

WANDERING LANE - \$62,000



Affordable waterfront lot on Gull River with access to Maple, Grass and Pine Lakes by boat. Year round access, great level building lot with a gentle slope to the river with dock at waters edge. Rough in Driveway, hydro at lot, Very private setting, close to Haliburton and West Guilford, shopping and golf courses.

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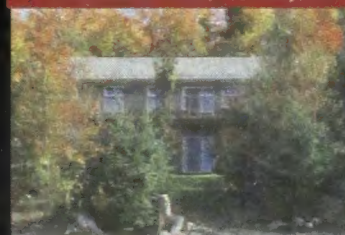
GOODERHAM LAKE - \$209,900



Privacy plus! 4 season, 3 bedroom home/cottage with 162' frontage on beautiful Gooderham Lake. Level lot with mature trees located at the very end of Chinoak Drive. abuts a lovely stream running along the rear and side, expansive southern view, ample parking, single garage, furnace, drilled well, nice new wrap around decking, dock plus loads more! Neat & clean spacious open concept design with several walkouts and a wood airtight stove. Comes turn key ready to show - available immediately.

Rachel Carthew* 457-2414, ext. 38

KENNISIS LAKE - \$599,000



WOW !! sunsets, view, 1.5 acres, 180 ft of natural shoreline & sandy beach - tucked in a calm quiet bay, level lot on beautiful Kennisis Lake. 4 season cottage/home, 400 sq/ft deck, a picture perfect western exp, nearly 2000 sq ft of living space, 2 bdrms on main level, 2 bdrms on lower level with lge family rm & walk out, 2 full baths, laundry, lge deck, paddle-boat, paved road, walk to Haliburton Forest & trails.

Gloria Carnochan or Cindy Muenzel* 754-1932

CRYSTAL LAKE ROAD \$129,900



Beautiful 1 acre property only minutes away from public access to gorgeous Crystal Lake. This four season home or cottage features a large open-concept family room/kitchen, separate livingroom, 3 bedrooms and laundry room. Fully winterized on a year round municipal road with certified wood stove, propane fireplace and high efficiency force air propane furnace. Situated in a park like setting - a five minute walk to the lake!

Daine Kuupp* 488-3077

BOBCAYGEON ROAD - \$214,900



3 bdrm, town water and sewer. NEW windows, drywall, shingles, 4 PC bathroom, kitchen (Oak Cupboards), hardwood floors, electrical, breaker panel, everything replaced, large windows very bright & spacious overlooking park like setting, level lot, nicely treed, full basement, economical forced air, oil heating, also large detached garage 468 sq' with 10' ceiling & insulated with propane & wood heat.

Lindsay Elder** 286-1234 ext. 223

CRYSTAL LAKE - \$149,000



4 season, 3 bedroom home/cottage with 162' frontage, abuts a lovely stream, expansive southern view, ample parking, single garage, furnace, drilled well, nice new wrap around decking, dock plus loads more! Neat & clean spacious open concept design with several walkouts & wood airtight stove.

Peter Franzen* 286-1234 ext. 222

MOUNTAIN LAKE - \$589,900



4 bedroom Viceroy home. Kitchen island with granite counter top - Hickory cupboards and reclaimed antique pine flooring (Ottawa in the 1870's). Cathedral ceilings & large windows. Floor to ceiling 18' granite backdrop for Pacific Energy Enamel Woodstove. Family room loft. Main floor master bedroom with ensuite and main floor laundry. Lower level w/ walk-out - separate eating and sleeping area with privacy for guests/family members. A big sand beach.

Hal Johnston* 286-1234 ext. 229

SOUTH LAKE - \$219,000



Unbelievable value. Waterfront home or year round cottage on a fantastic Bass Lake. Relax at the fire pit or snooze in your bunkie. Great lot. It just does not get any better.

Dan Roxborough* 286-1234 ext. 235

DAVIS LAKE - \$299,000



4 bedroom fully winterized cottage with large open concept living/kitchen/dining room with hardwood floors. New shingles, water pump and hot water heater. Cottage reno 8 years ago included insulation, new windows and new pier foundation. Large deck, hard packed sandy shoreline. Davis Lake cottage assoc. annual dues of \$125 covers winter snow removal, road repair plus use of water ski course and association-owned skis and wakeboards.

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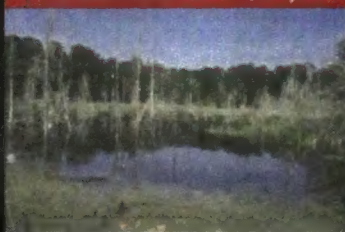
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Please call me for a no cost, no obligation home or cottage evaluation

Lindsay Elder** 286-1234 ext. 223 or 457-5878

CRYSTAL LAKE ROAD - \$154,900



Large acreage with large beaver pond. This property has right of way off Galway rd with well maintained roadway to beaver pond and licenced gravel pit with great variety wildlife nesting blue heron beaver moose deer ect 10 minutes from Kinmount

Peter Franzen* 286-1234 ext. 222

GULL RIVER - \$89,900



What a great place to build your dream home or cottage - boat into Minden or into prestigious Gull Lake. Nice sandy shoreline for swimming - hydro & bell available at the lot line. Call for more info today!

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BURNT RIVER \$169,500



2 bdrm cottage on 150 ft waterfront lot. Pine tree covered driveway, with a variety of indigenous trees surrounding the property. Charming & spacious cottage - many upgrades - new laminate flooring & updated sunroom, outdoor patio, a new woodstove WETT-Certified and roof in 2006. A cozy Bunkie for guests and large garden shed. The property also includes a delightful outdoor shower that is a big hit. Near town of Burnt River, only 10 min to Cobocok and 20 min to Fenelon Falls.

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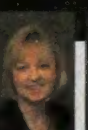
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